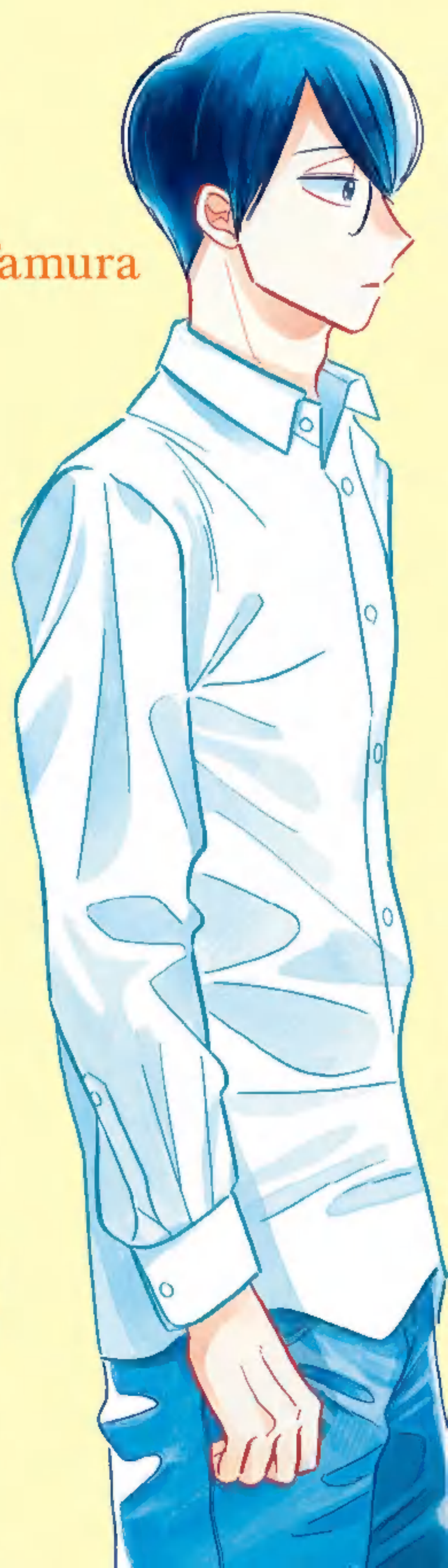


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CHAPTER 6

TANAKA-SAN
WORKS THE
SAME PART-
TIME JOB
AS ME.



THAT'S
THE ONLY
CONNECTION
WE HAVE.

EVEN SO...

WE'RE BOTH
2ND YEAR
UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS,

AND
WE'VE BEEN
COWORKERS
FOR ABOUT A
YEAR NOW.



SO, HOW
LONG HAVE YOU
LIKED HER?

WHY ARE
WE HAVING THIS
CONVERSATION?







I SEE...

PAT
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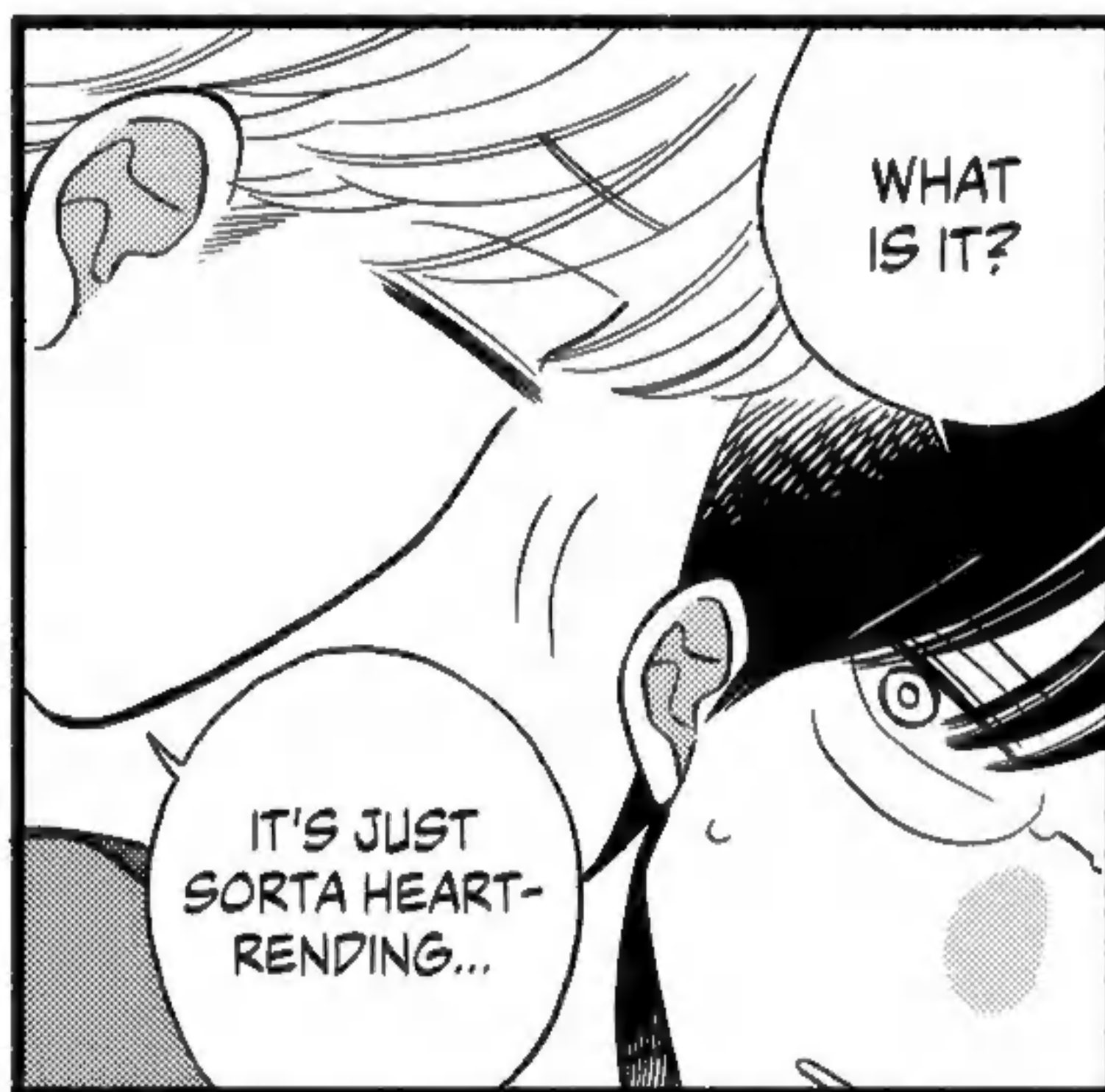
MM-HMM



WHAT ARE YOU
BLABBING--

OH!

I'VE
GOT IT!



WHAT
IS IT?

IT'S JUST
SORTA HEART-
RENDING...



NO, YOU
REALLY--

IRIE...



SINCE IT'S
COME DOWN TO THIS,
I'LL TEACH YOU ALL
YOU NEED TO KNOW
ABOUT LOVE!



...THAT'S
LOVE!



...WHEN JUST
THE THOUGHT OF
SOMEONE BRINGS
A SMILE TO YOUR
FACE...



SMILING

IF THAT'S LOVE,
THEN IT'S SORT
OF CREEPY.

HUH?!



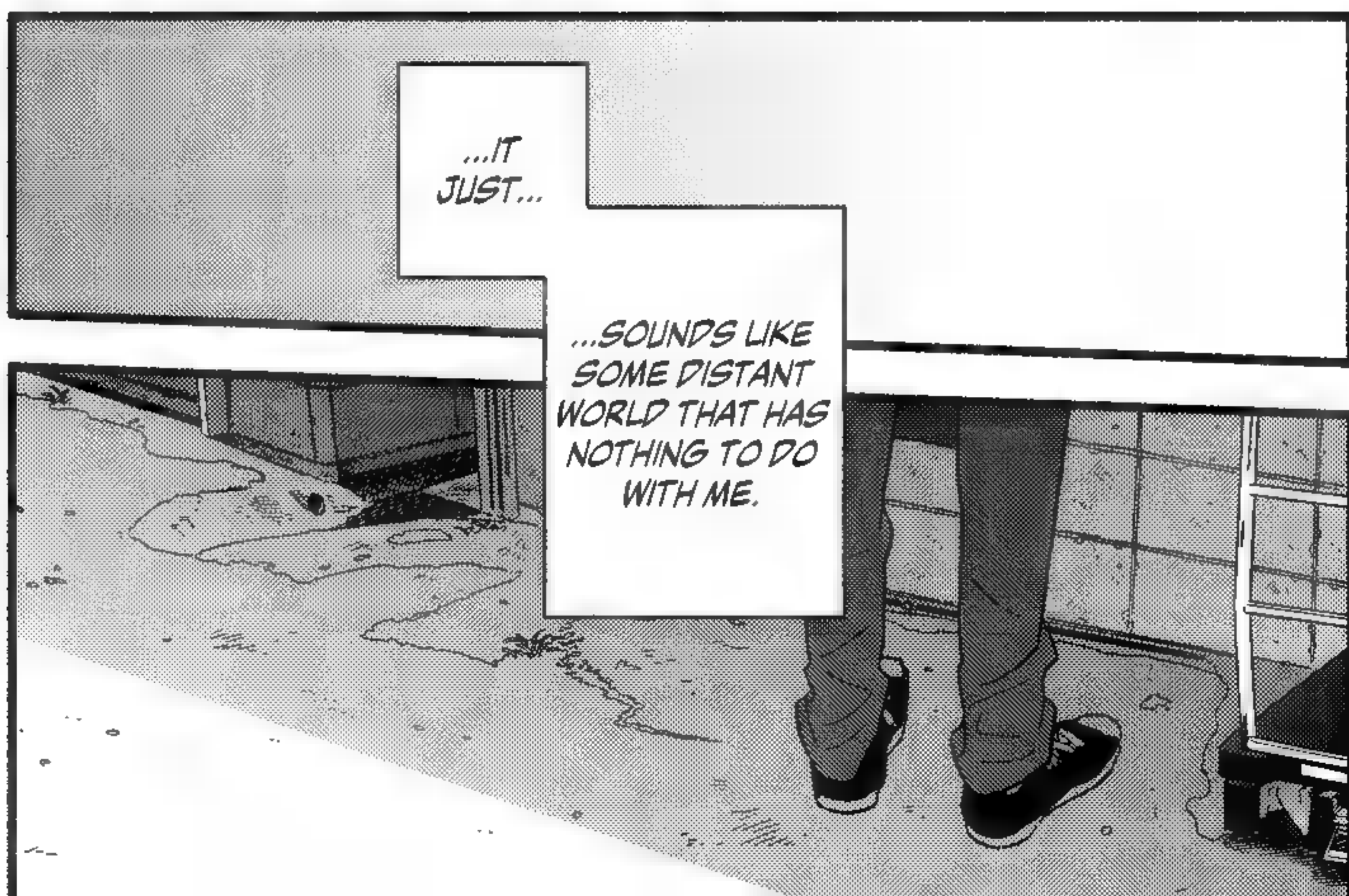
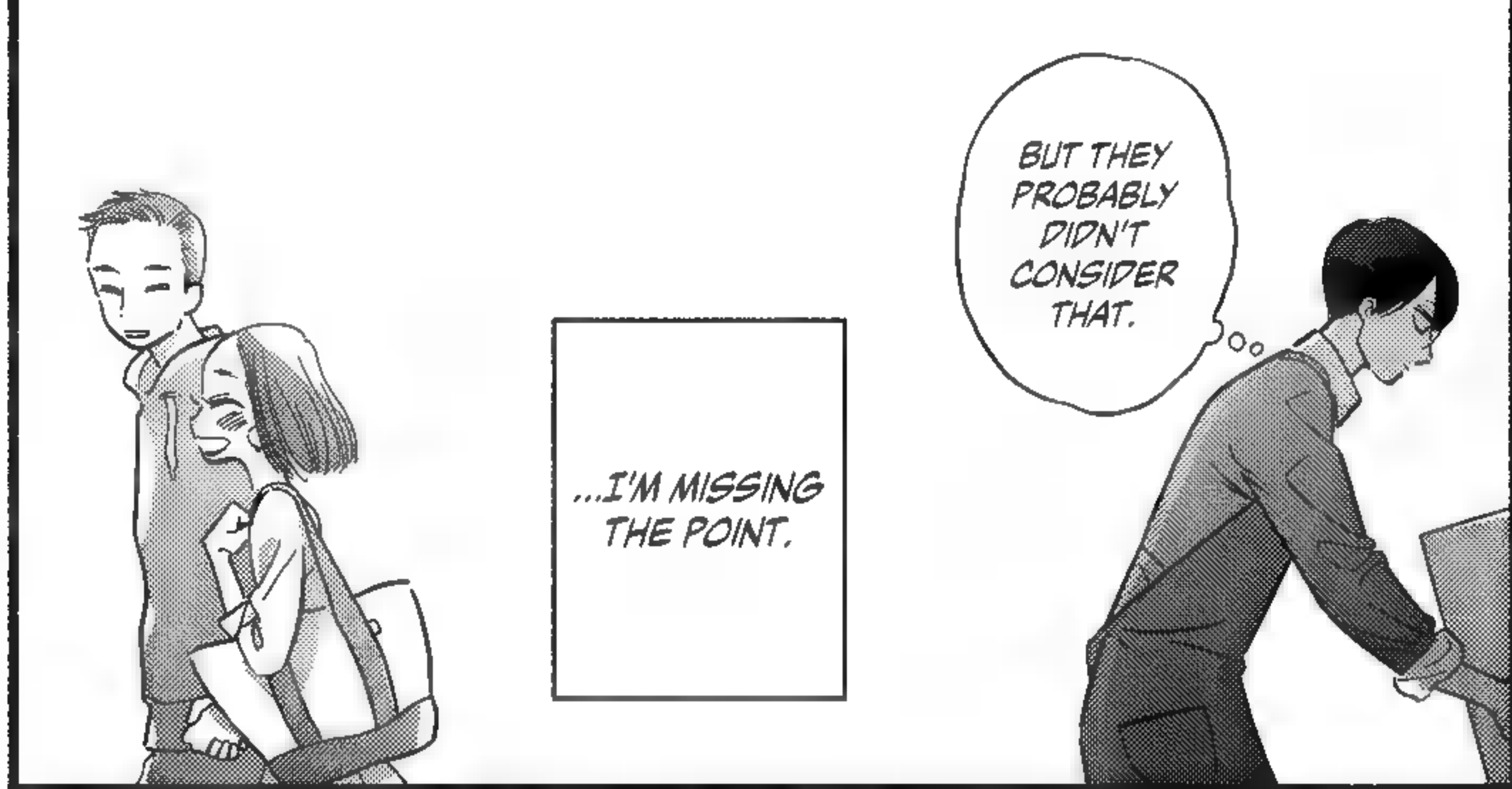
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HEY, I'LL
LEAVE THE
CLEANUP
TO YOU!

YOU'RE
TERRIBLE!
FORGET IT,
THEN!



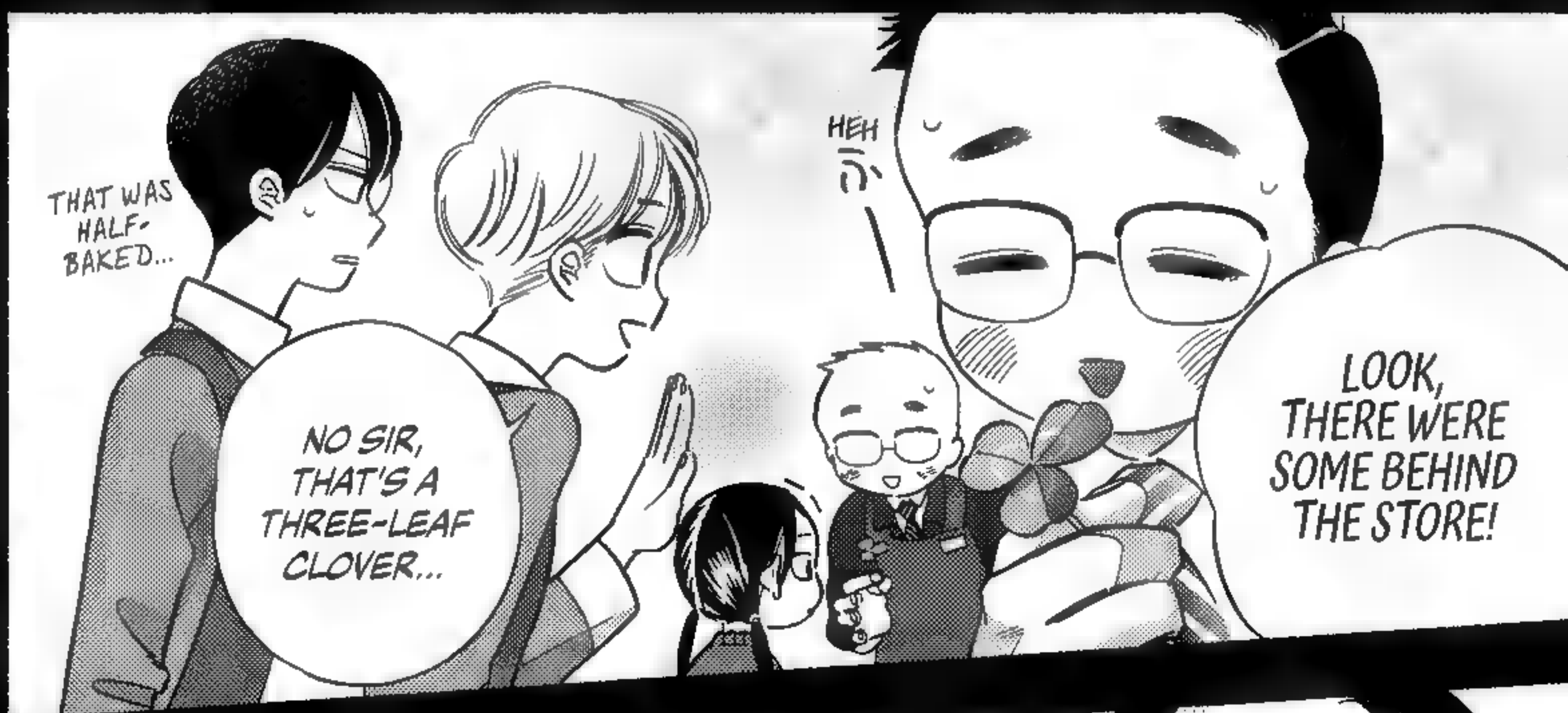




IT'S NOT A
FLATTERING
STORY, BUT...

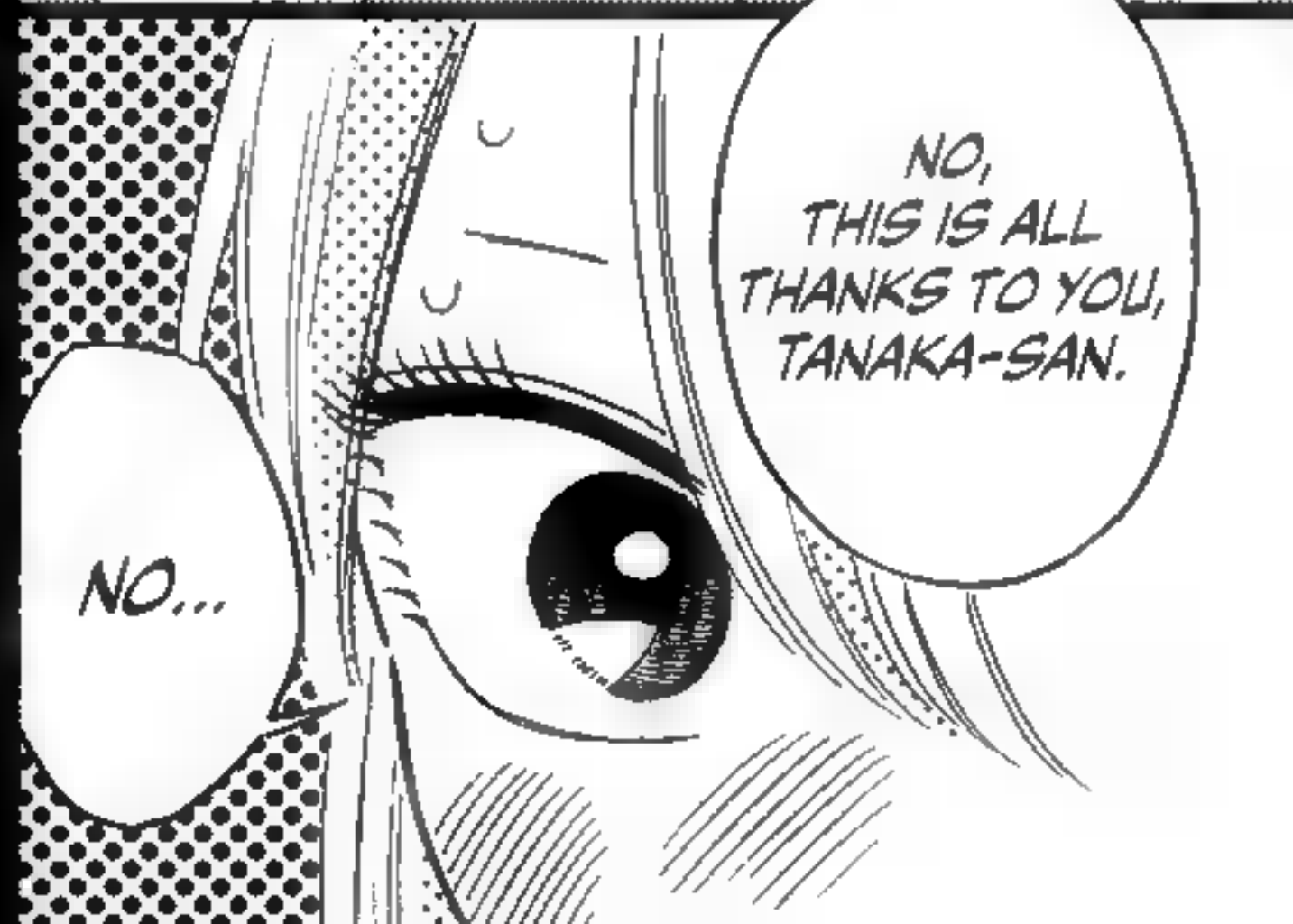














I WENT TO
GET THIS
BOOK AS A
WEIGHT...

THAT
CLOVER...

I WAS
ABOUT TO PRESS
IT FLAT.

SHOW
アッ



IT'S
FLAT
?!

H... HERE
YOU GO...

I'M... REALLY
GLAD I DIDN'T
PRESS IT...

MOBUKO'S QUIRKS:
THINKING SHE CAN'T
CONFIDE IN ANYONE,
HER ACTIONS ARE
MISUNDERSTOOD.



I FIGURED I
SHOULD DO IT
RIGHT AWAY,

BEFORE IT
STARTED TO
WITHER...

PRESS IT?!
WHY...



IT'S
REALLY
OKAY

BOW
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SO, UM,
I'M
VERY
SORRY

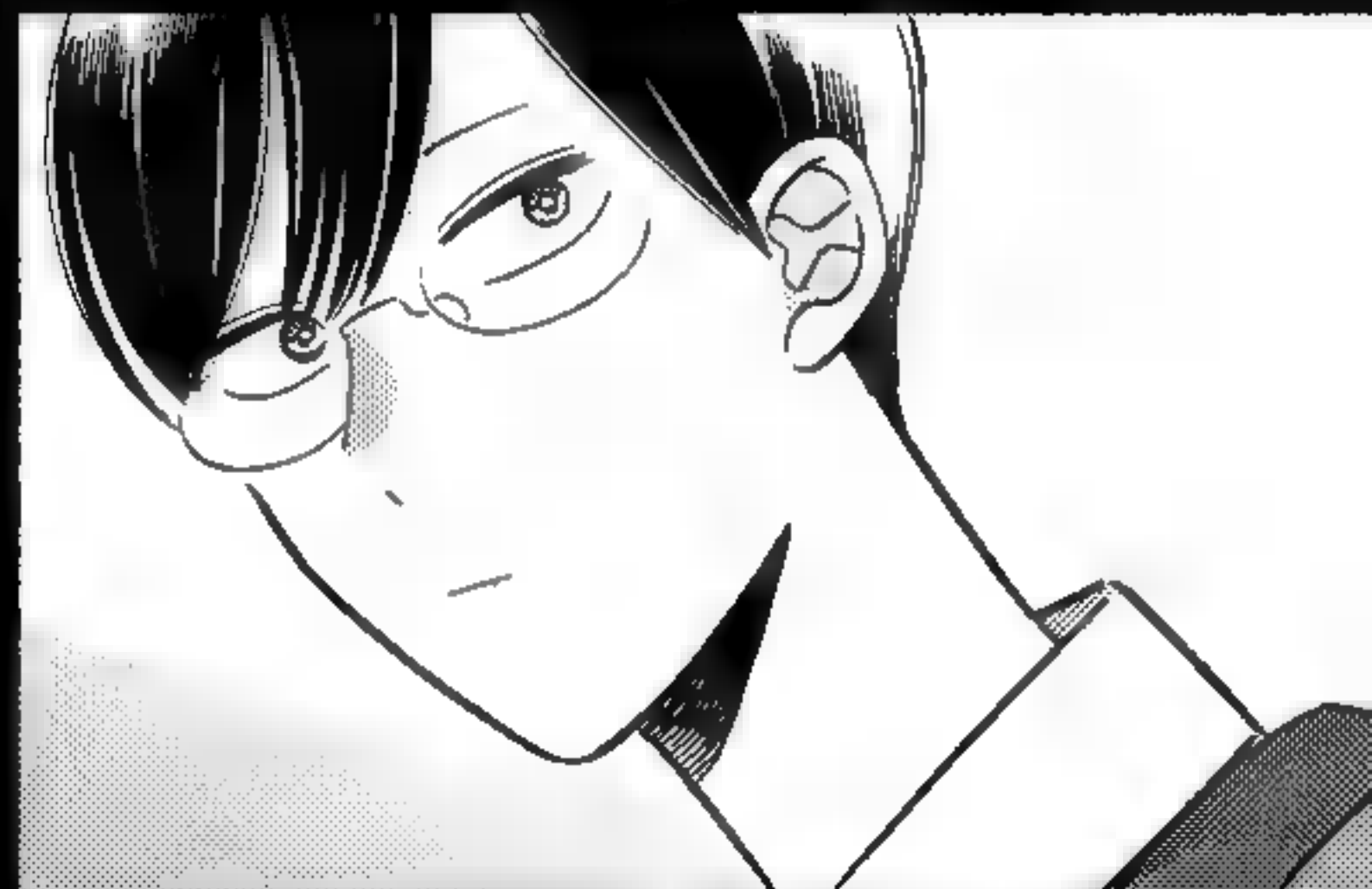


...



...AND THOUGHT
IT MUST BE IMPORTANT
TO SOMEONE.

...SAW THAT
CLOVER ON THE
FLOOR...







"IRIE,"

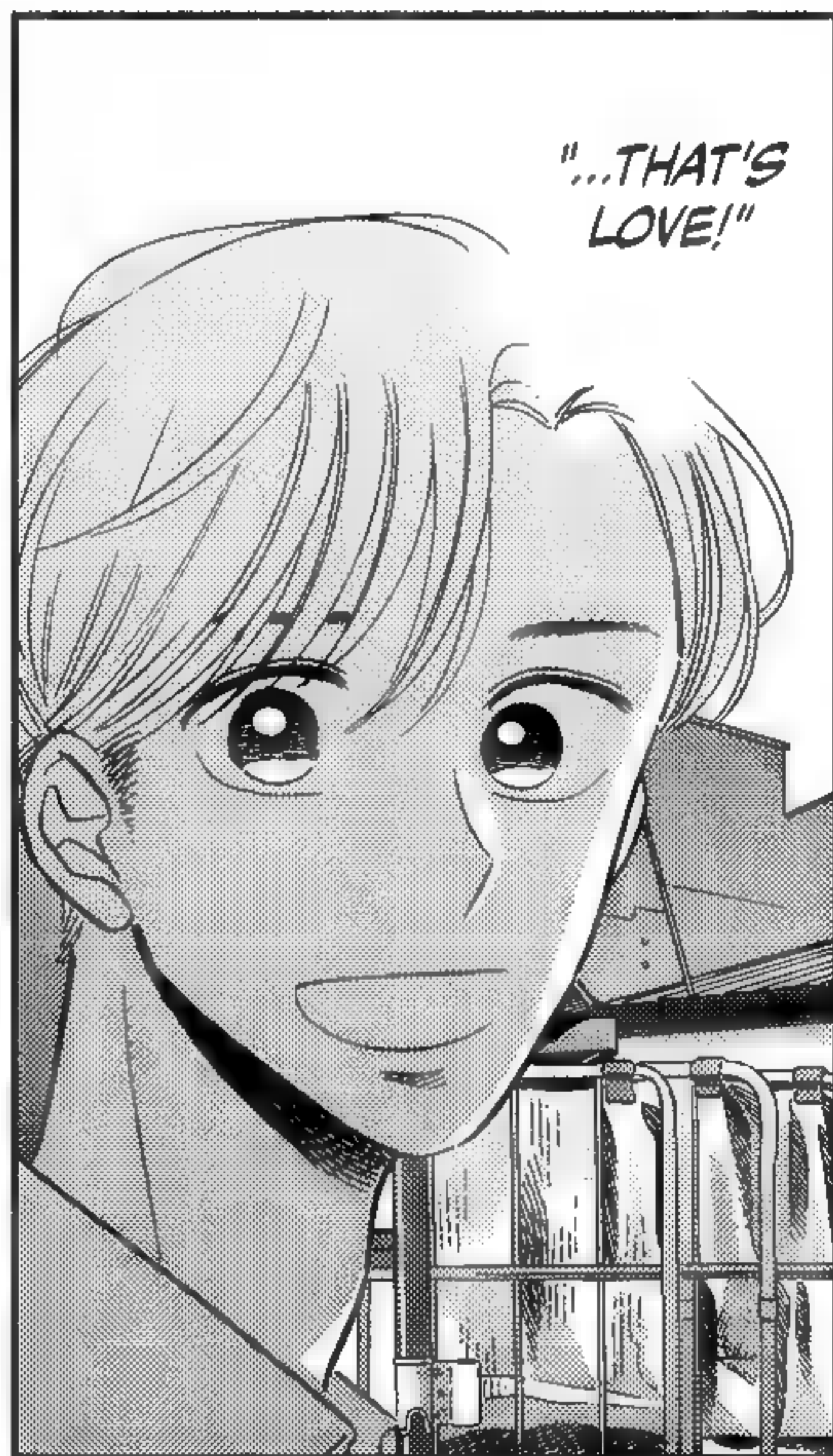


"WHEN JUST
THE THOUGHT
OF SOMEONE..."



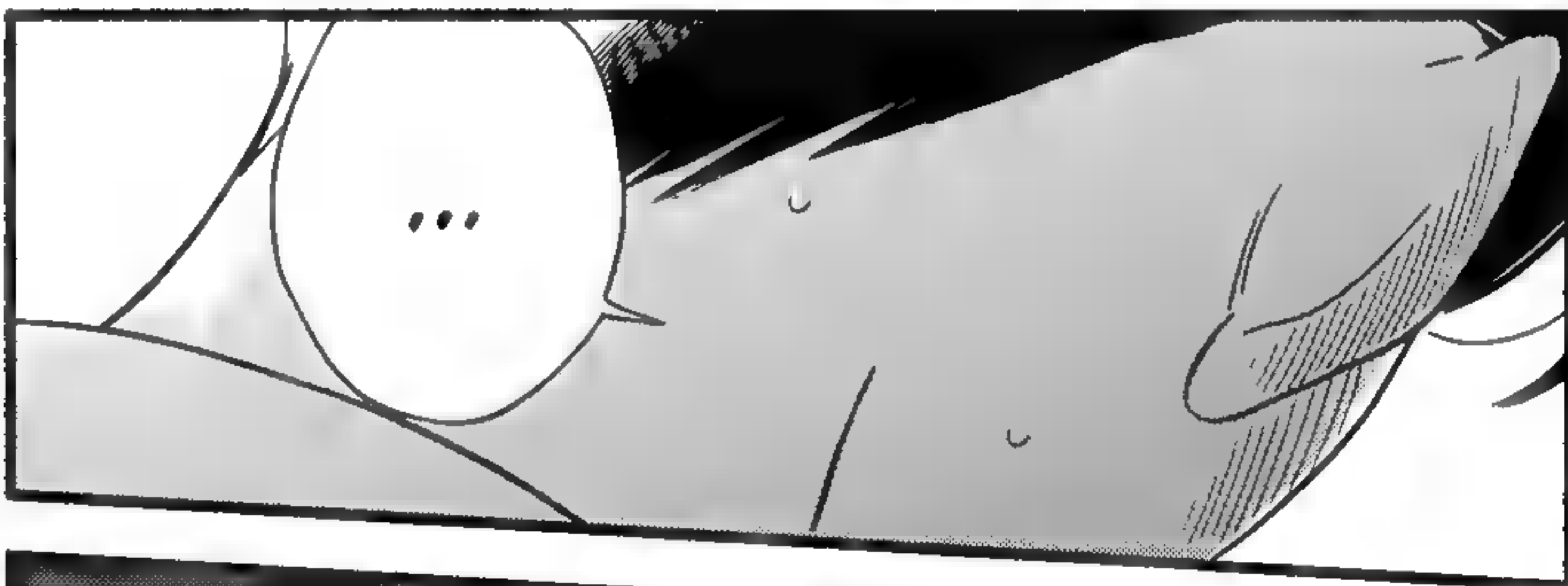
"...BRINGS
A SMILE TO
YOUR FACE..."





"...THAT'S
LOVE!"







...WHEN DID
IT HAPPEN?

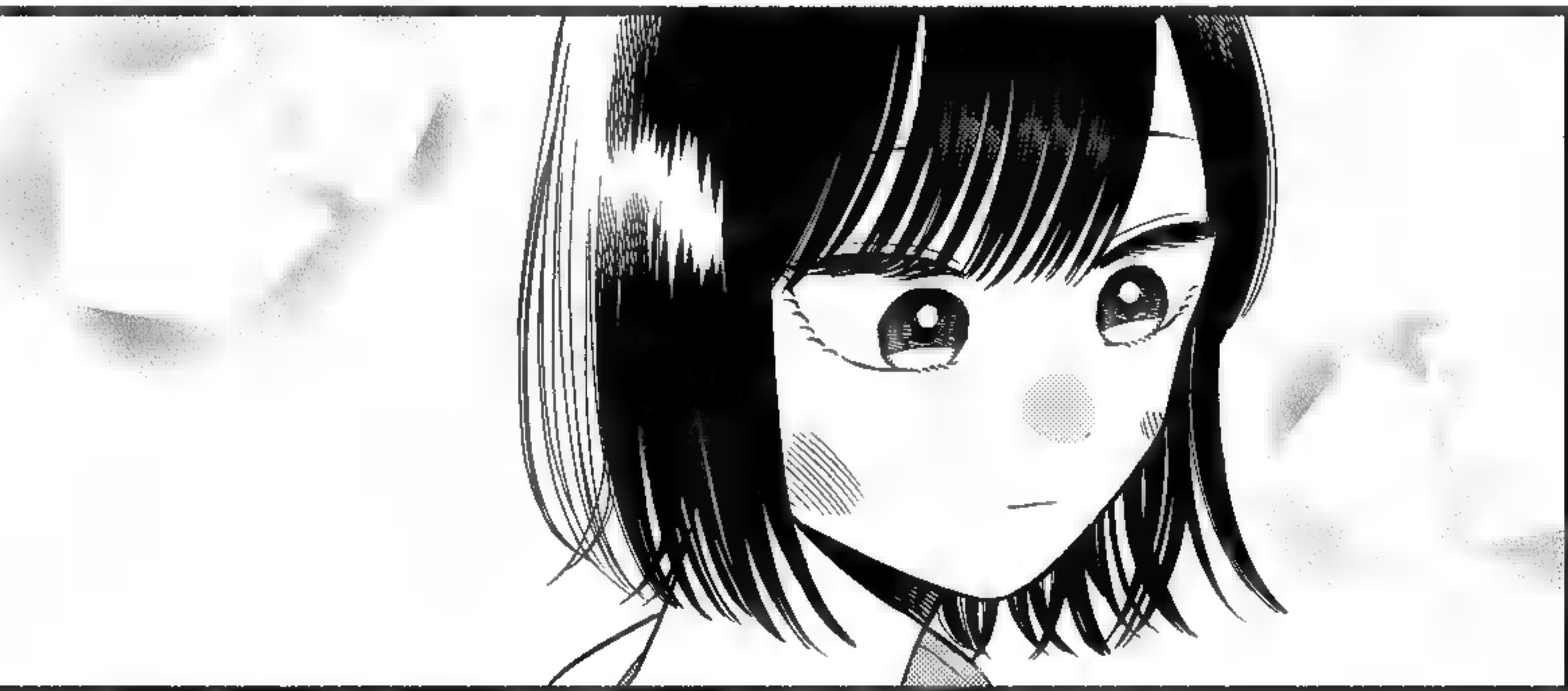


...THIS
REALLY
IS LOVE,
THEN...



JUST...

...HOW
LONG...



...HAVE
I BEEN...



...IN LOVE
WITH YOU?

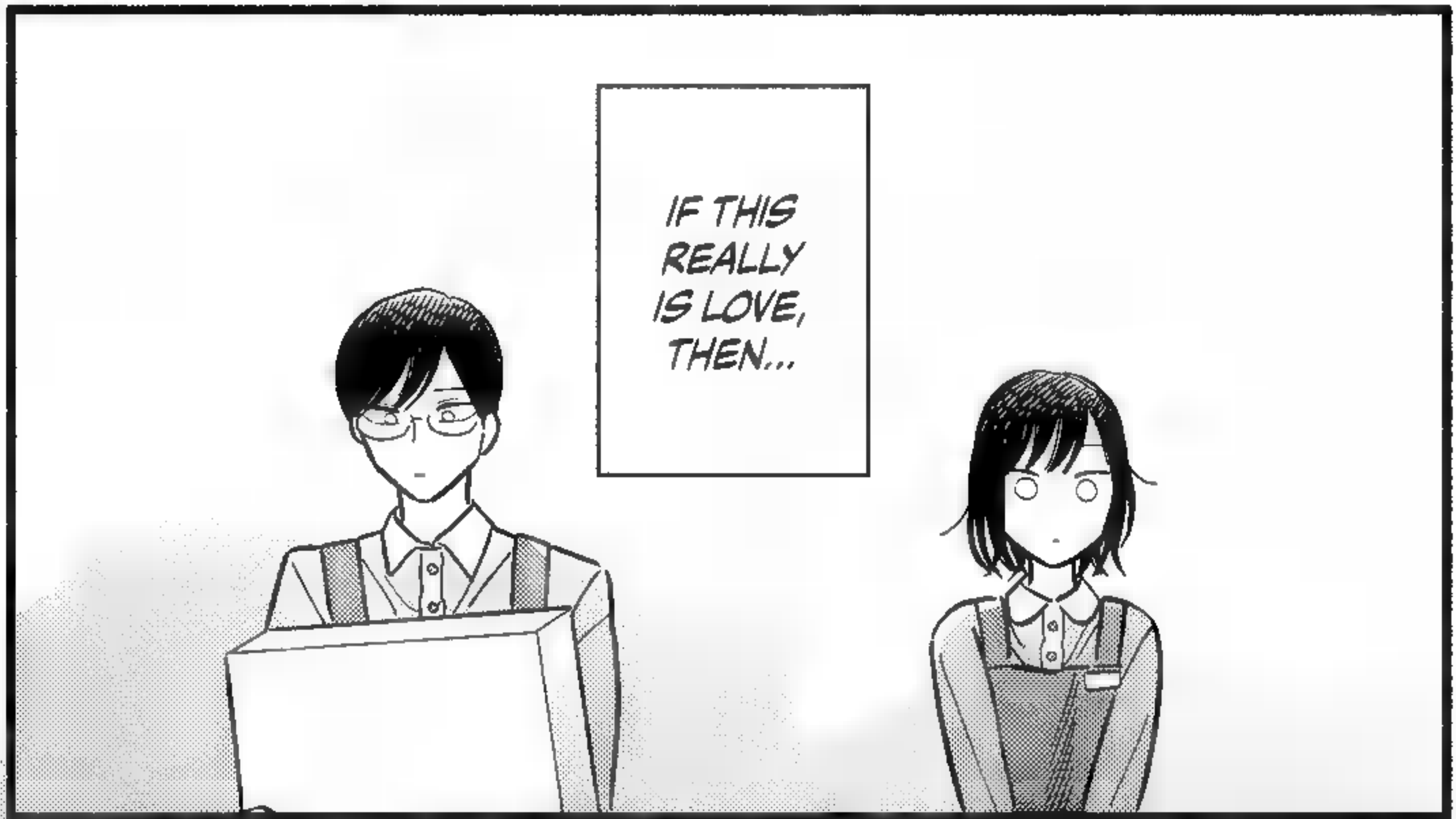
IT'S HOT...

AFTERWARDS, WITH THE LITTLE GIRL





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I CAN'T IMAGINE
SAYING THIS TO
HER FACE.

STRAIGHTENED
HIS NECKTIE.





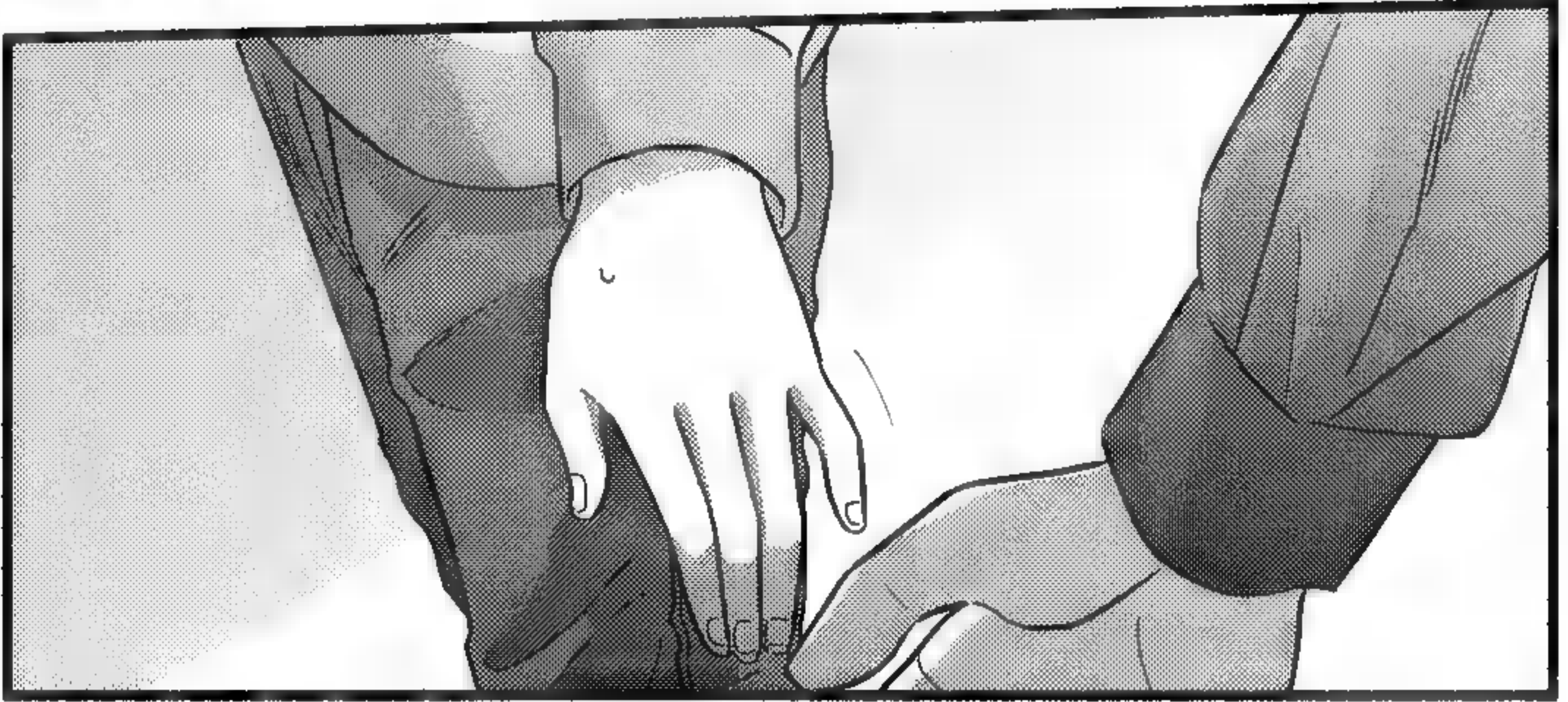
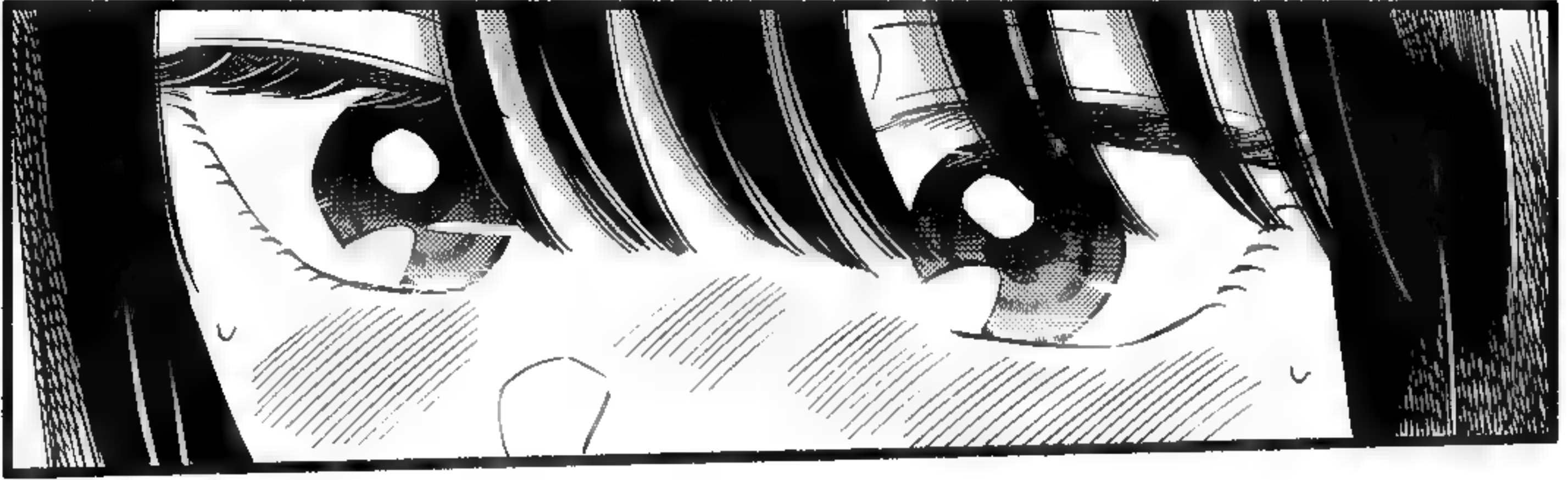
BECAUSE
WHEN I SEE
A COUPLE
WALKING
DOWN THE
STREET...

MAYBE
THAT'S WHAT
THIS FEELING
REALLY IS.



...I WANT
THAT WITH
TANAKA-
SAN...







YOU EATING
DINNER, BRO?

THE CURRY'S
ALL GONE...

I WAS
OUT DRINKING,
SO I'M FINE.



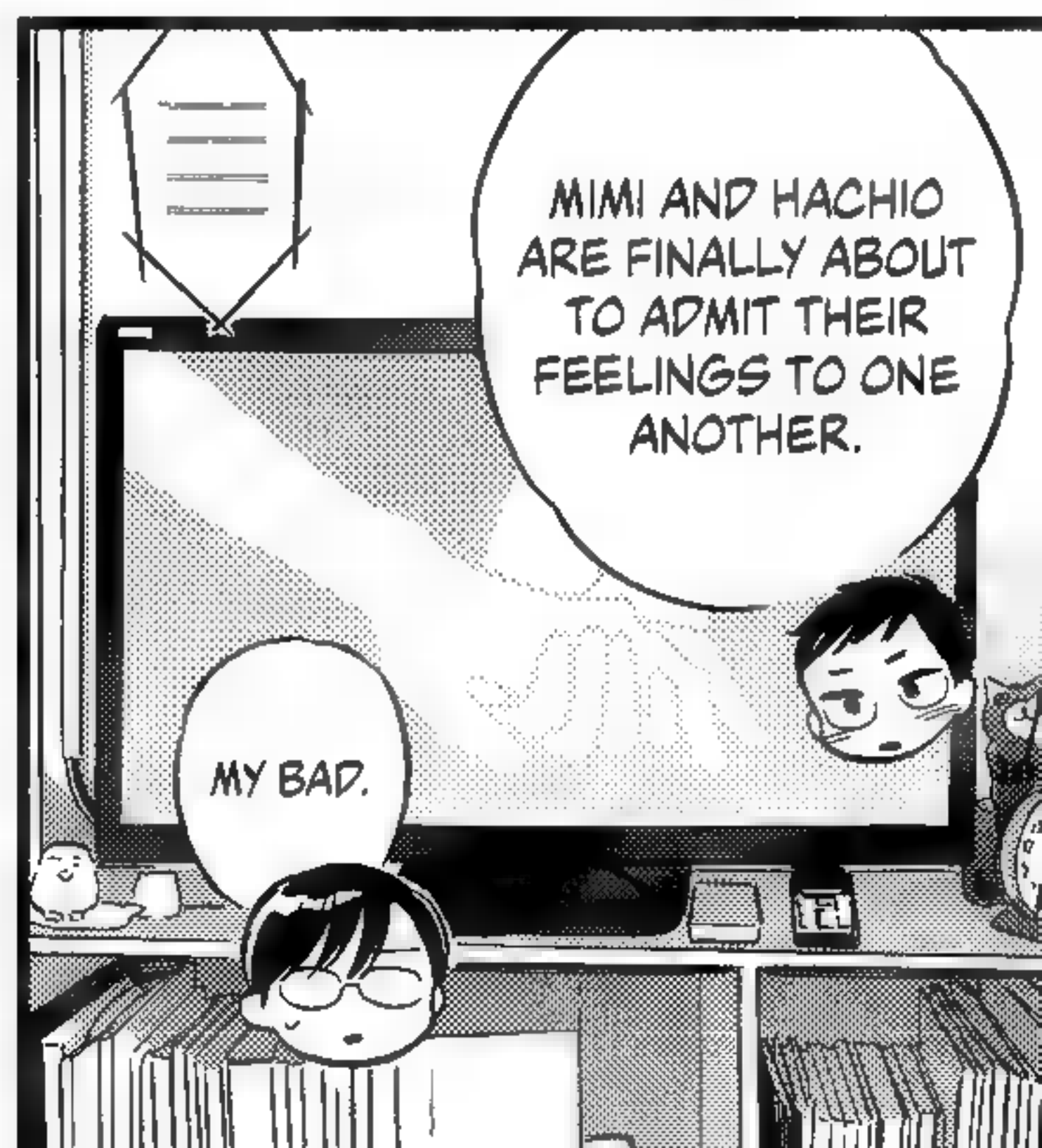
WHAT'S
WRONG,
HACHIO-
KUN?

MIMI AND
HACHIO...



YOU GONNA
TAKE A BATH?
THE WATER'S
GETTING
COLD...

SHHH!



MY BAD.

MIMI AND HACHIO
ARE FINALLY ABOUT
TO ADMIT THEIR
FEELINGS TO ONE
ANOTHER.



WELL...
IT'S JUST,
I'VE ALWAYS
DREAMED OF
WALKING HAND-
IN-HAND WITH
YOU LIKE THIS.



HUH?
THAT'S NOT
TRUE!

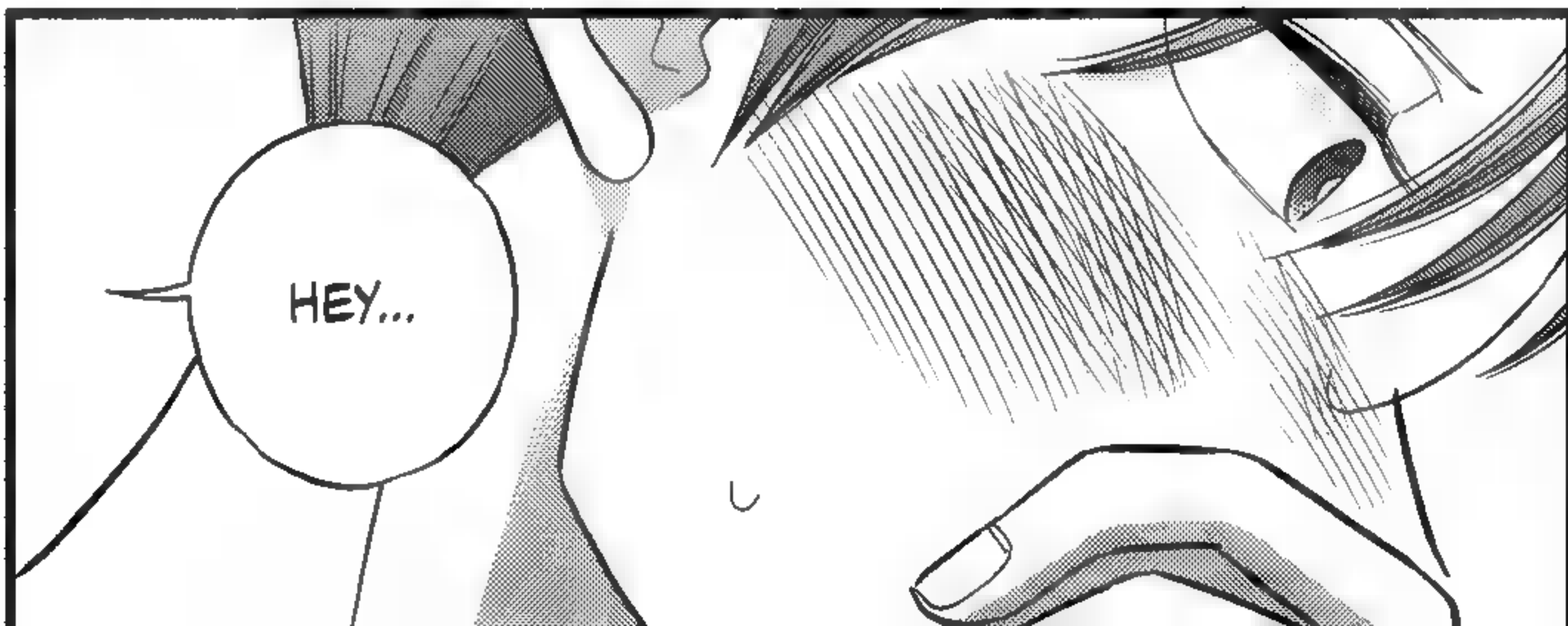
I'M SURE
THAT NEVER
EVEN CROSSED
YOUR MIND
THOUGH,
MIMI.



AWW, HAHA!
YOU'RE SO CUTE,
HACHIO-KUN.

WHY AM I
WATCHING
THIS WITH
MY OLDER
BROTHER...?

GLUG
GLUG





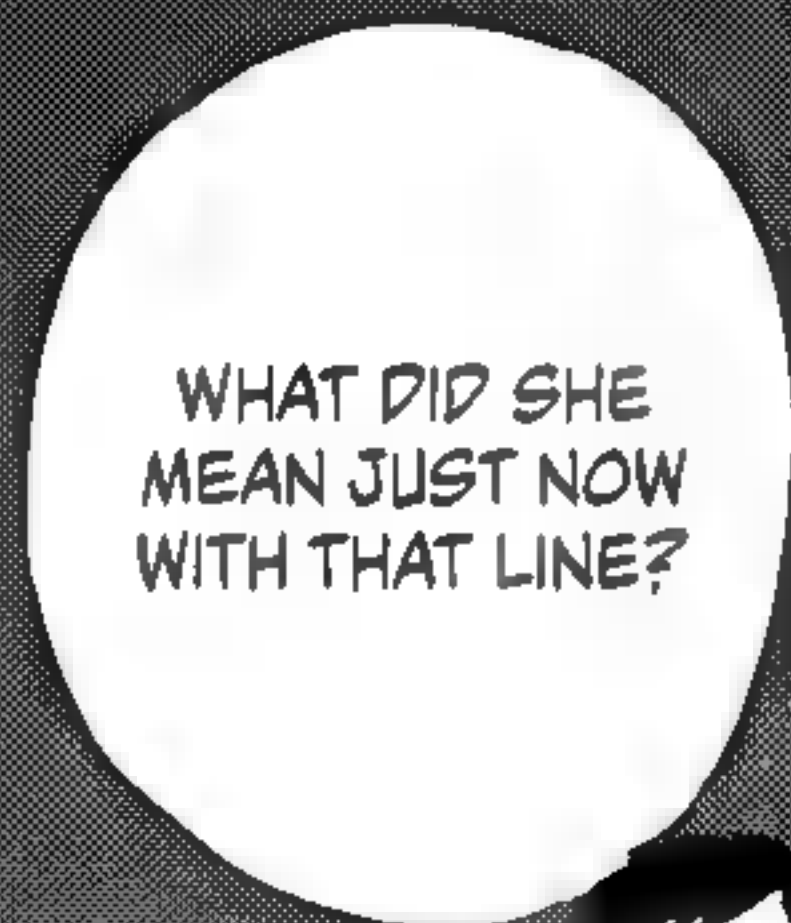
THE
NEXT
DAY

MAN,
IRIE WASN'T
HERE TODAY...
I'M SO BEAT.



BOY
TO
S

HAVE
A GOOD
EVENING.



I'M
GOING,
TOO.



HEY GUYS!
ARE YOU FREE
THIS SUNDAY?



CAREFUL
GOING
HOME!

WELL,
SEE YA LATER,
ABE-CHAN!

HAVE A
GOOD
EVE-
NING.

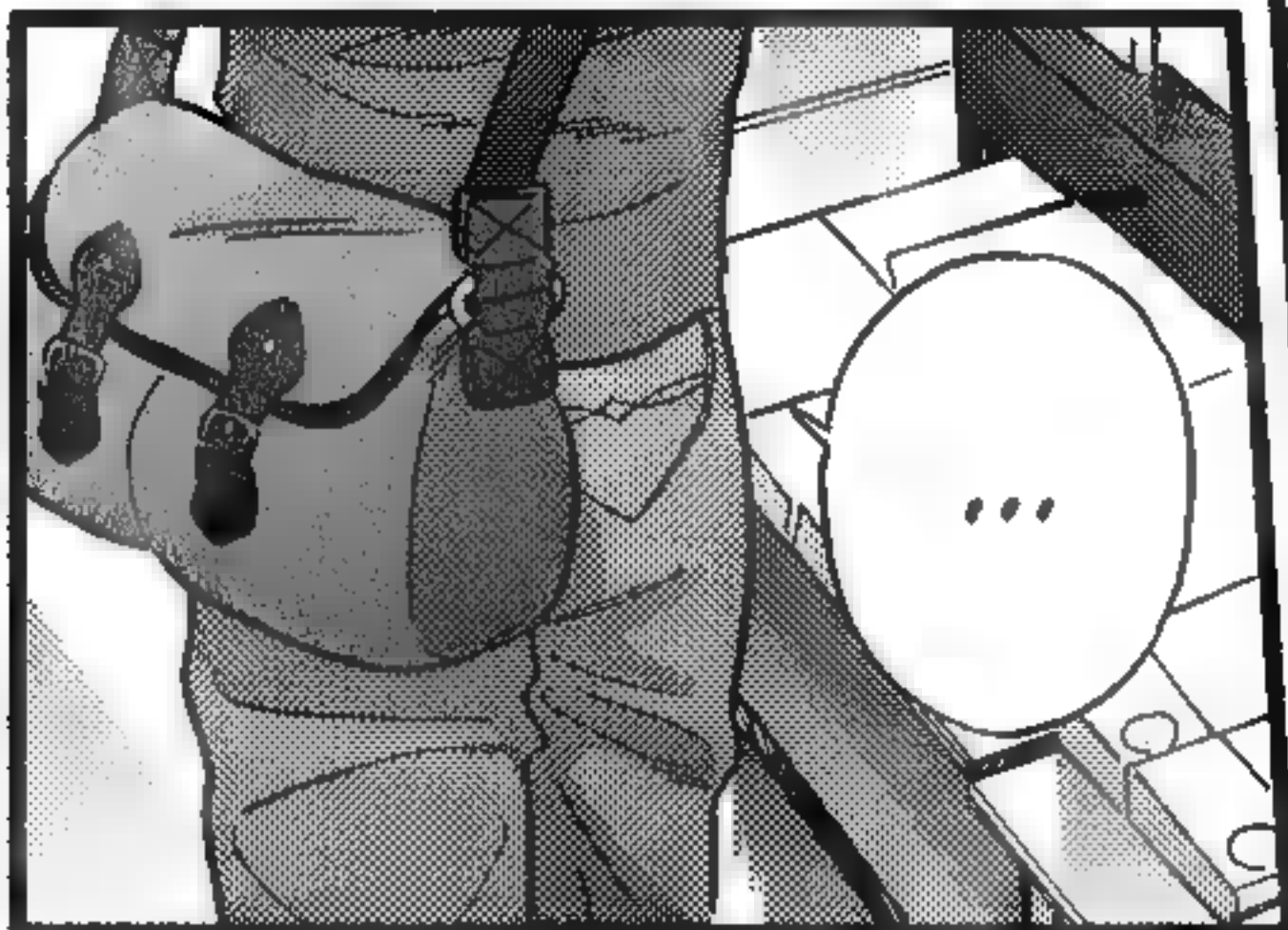












MOBUKO'S QUIRKS:
SHE RUNS FOR COVER
WHEN SHE SEES
SOMEONE SHE KNOWS.



I FEEL
LIKE THIS'LL
BE MORE NATURAL
THAN INVITING HIM
OVER RINE.

OKAY!



BUT...

THIS
COULD
BE MY
CHANCE.



OO ACT NATURAL...
ACT NATURAL...



I CAN'T JUST
APPEAR FROM
BEHIND THIS
BOOKSHELF...

恋愛・結婚

MOBUKO'S QUIRKS:
SHE'S GREAT AT
COMING UP WITH
REASONS WHY SHE CAN'T
DO SOMETHING.



THERE'S
SOMEONE
NEARBY,
SO...



OH...



HE'S
LOOKING
AT A BOOK
RIGHT NOW,
SO...



HE'S
LEAVING...



I ALWAYS
DO THIS.



FREEZING IN
MY TRACKS
AND LETTING
THINGS
PASS BY,

AND WHEN
THEY'VE
GONE...

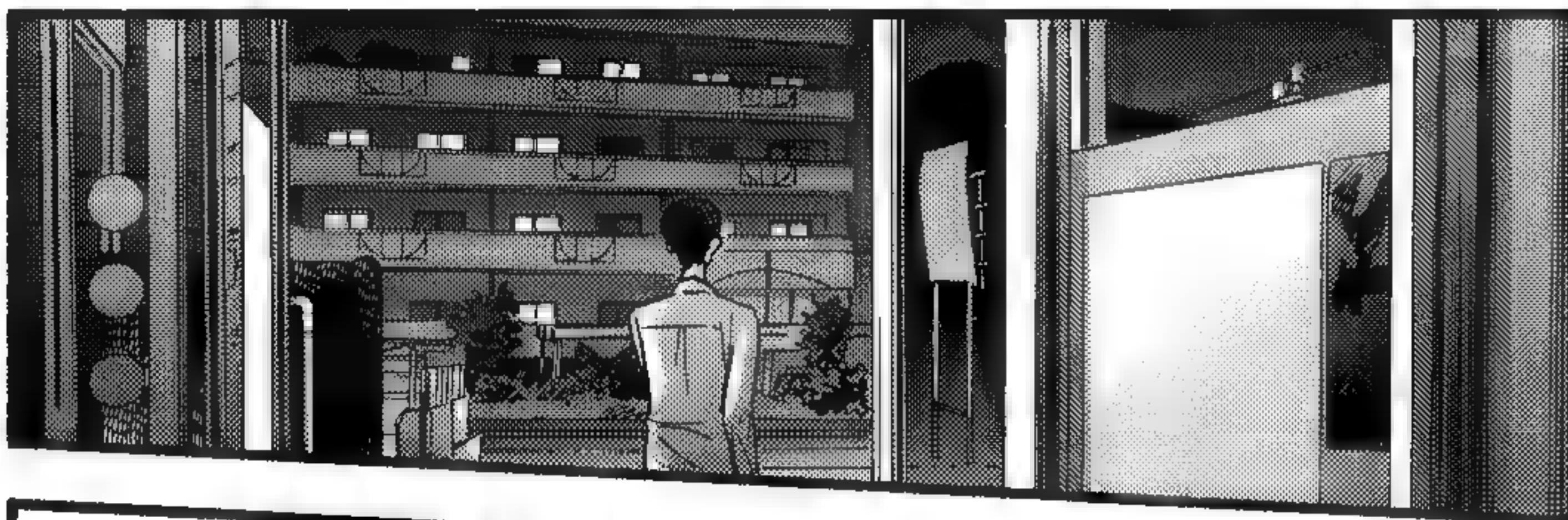


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24時間営業





NOW...



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IRIE-KUN.









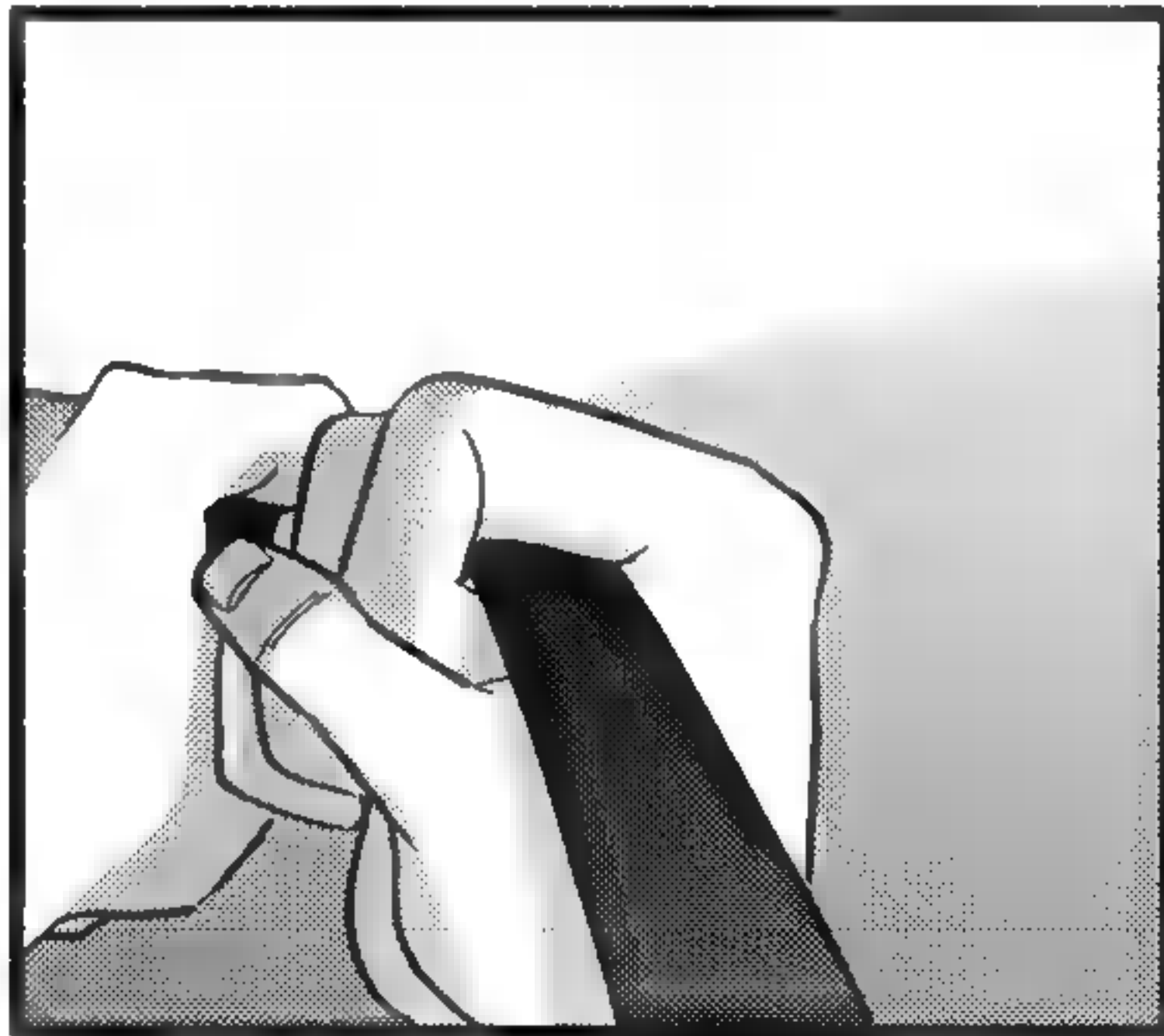
KANEKO-SAN
DID SAY YOU'RE
NOT TOO FOND
OF FISH OR
THE OCEAN...

BUT YOU
REALLY DON'T
HAVE TO COME
IF YOU DON'T
WANT TO!

AH!



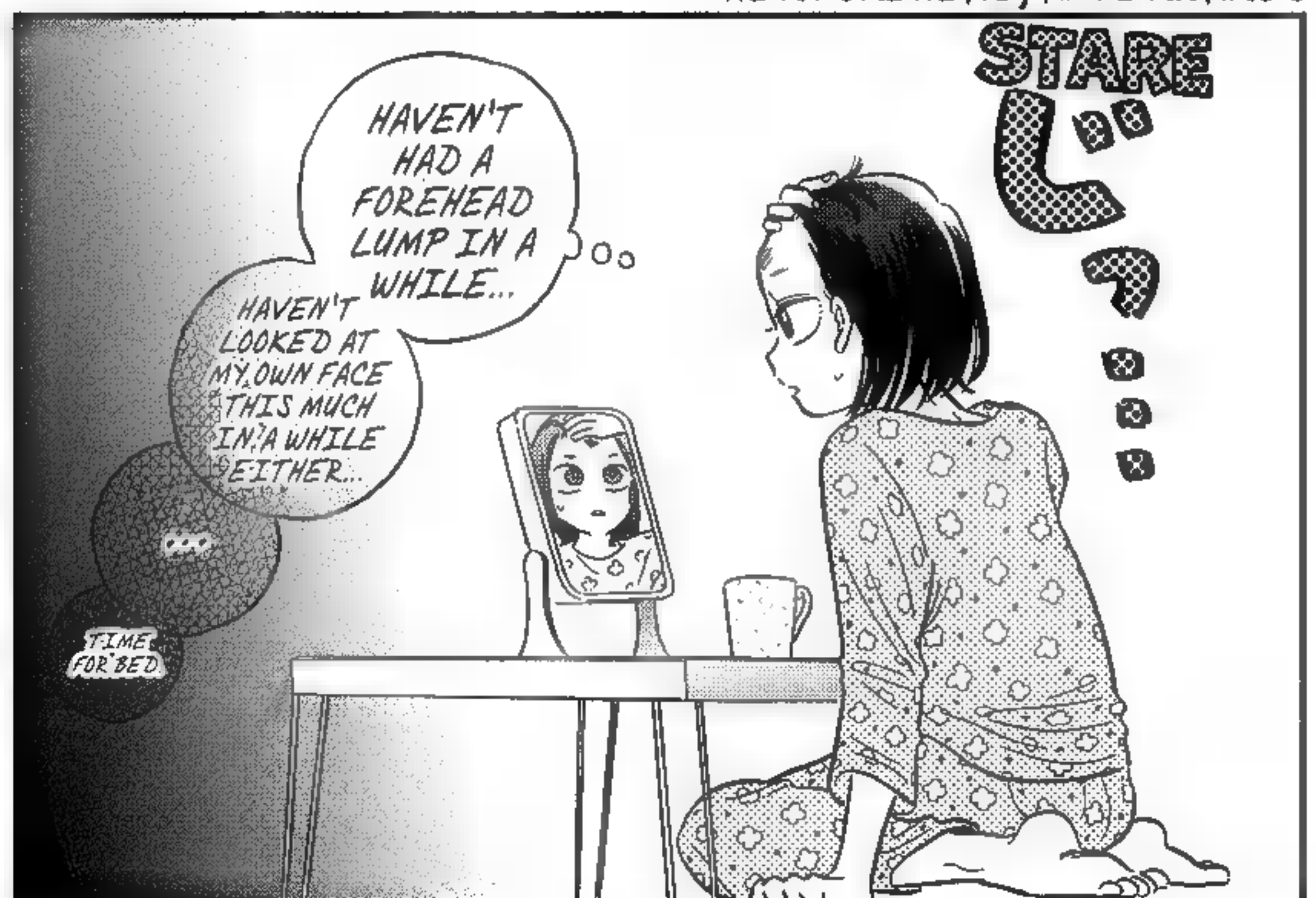




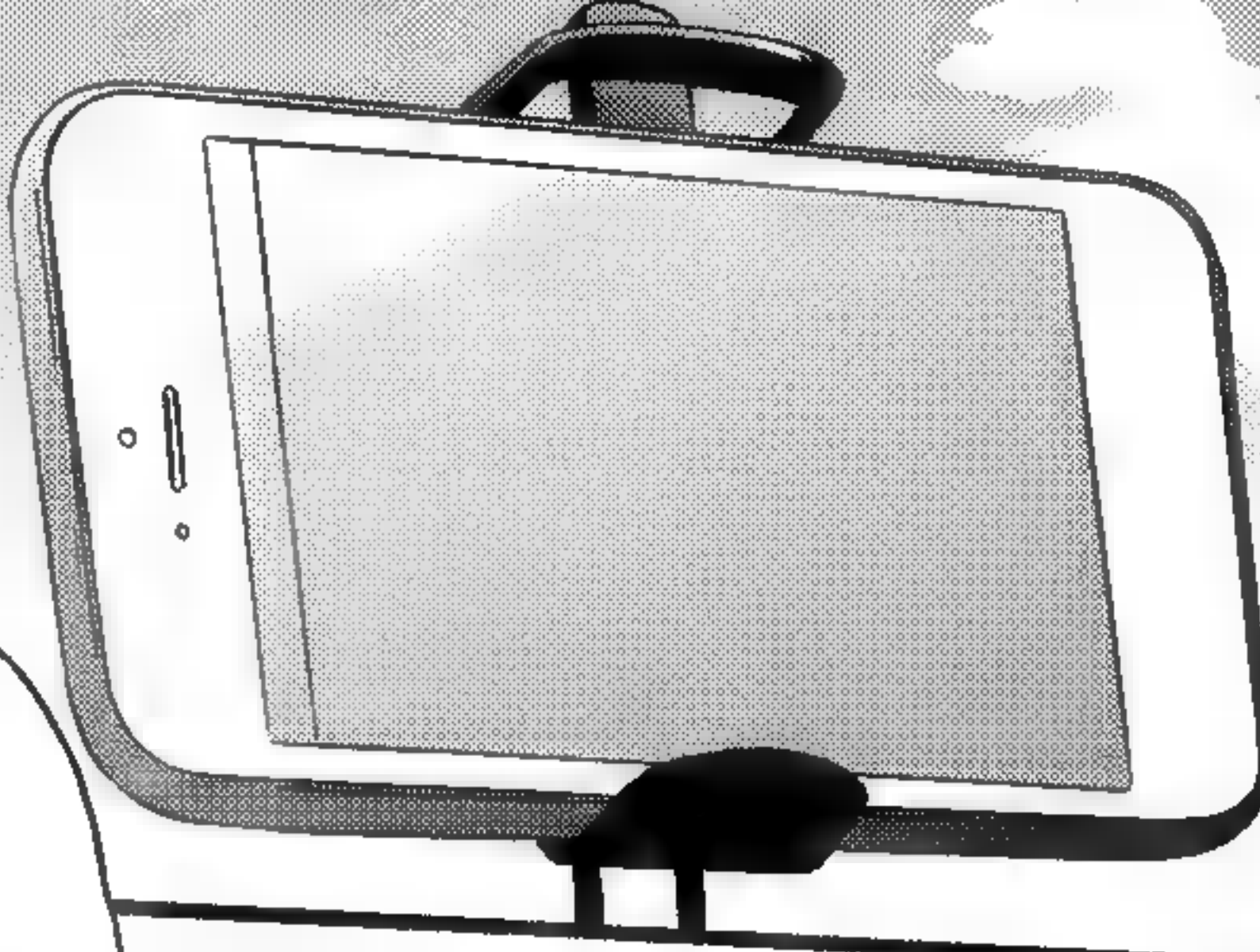




HER FOREHEAD, AFTERWARDS



CHAPTER 8



HMM...
KANEKO-SAN!
CAN YOU MOVE A
LITTLE CLOSER TO
SHINOZAKI-SAN?

YUP!

A LITTLE
TOO CLOSE...

OH!

IRIE-SAN,
TANAKA-SAN!
I DON'T HAVE YOUR
FACES IN THE
FRAME!

THERE! OKAY,
I'M TAKING THE
PICTURE!

TODAY,
THE OTHER
PART-TIMERS
AND I WENT TO
THE AQUARIUM
TOGETHER.

SAY "CHEESE!"





...AND HE AGREED
TO COME WITHOUT
ANY HESITATION.

WHEN WE
PARTED...

I HALTINGLY
EXPLAINED THE
SITUATION TO
IRIE...

...I TOOK
A CHANCE
AND WAVED
TO HIM...

...AND HE
WAVED BACK.



...AND
TORTURING
MYSELF WITH
FEELINGS OF
SHAME.

AND
THEN I RAN
INTO THE
TELEPHONE
POLE...



WHEN I GOT
BACK HOME,
I COULDN'T
STOP REPLAYING
THAT MOMENT
IN MY HEAD...

I'M SURE
IRIE-KUN DIDN'T
SAY ANYTHING
BECAUSE HE'S
TOO NICE.



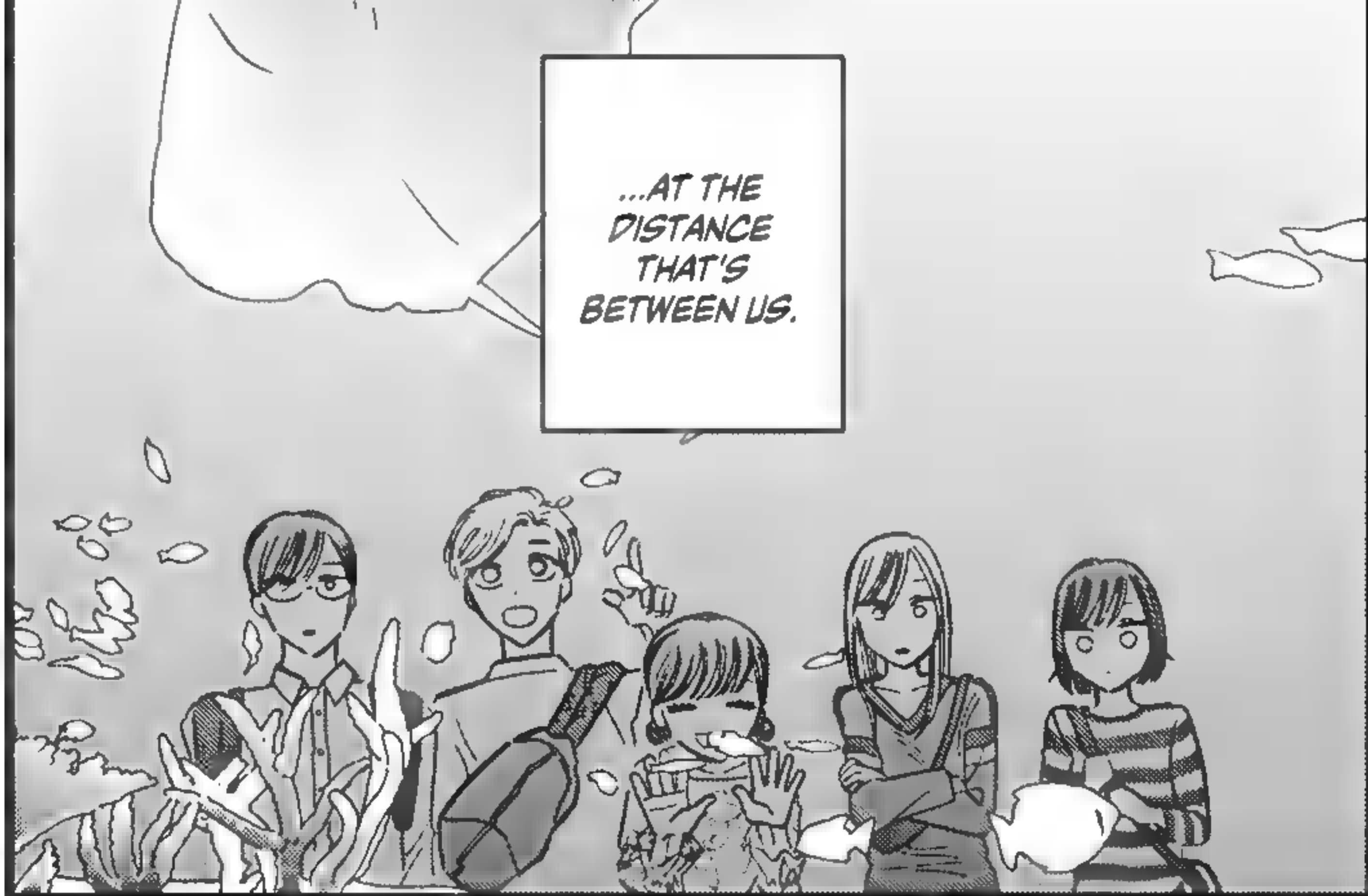
SELF-
LOATHING

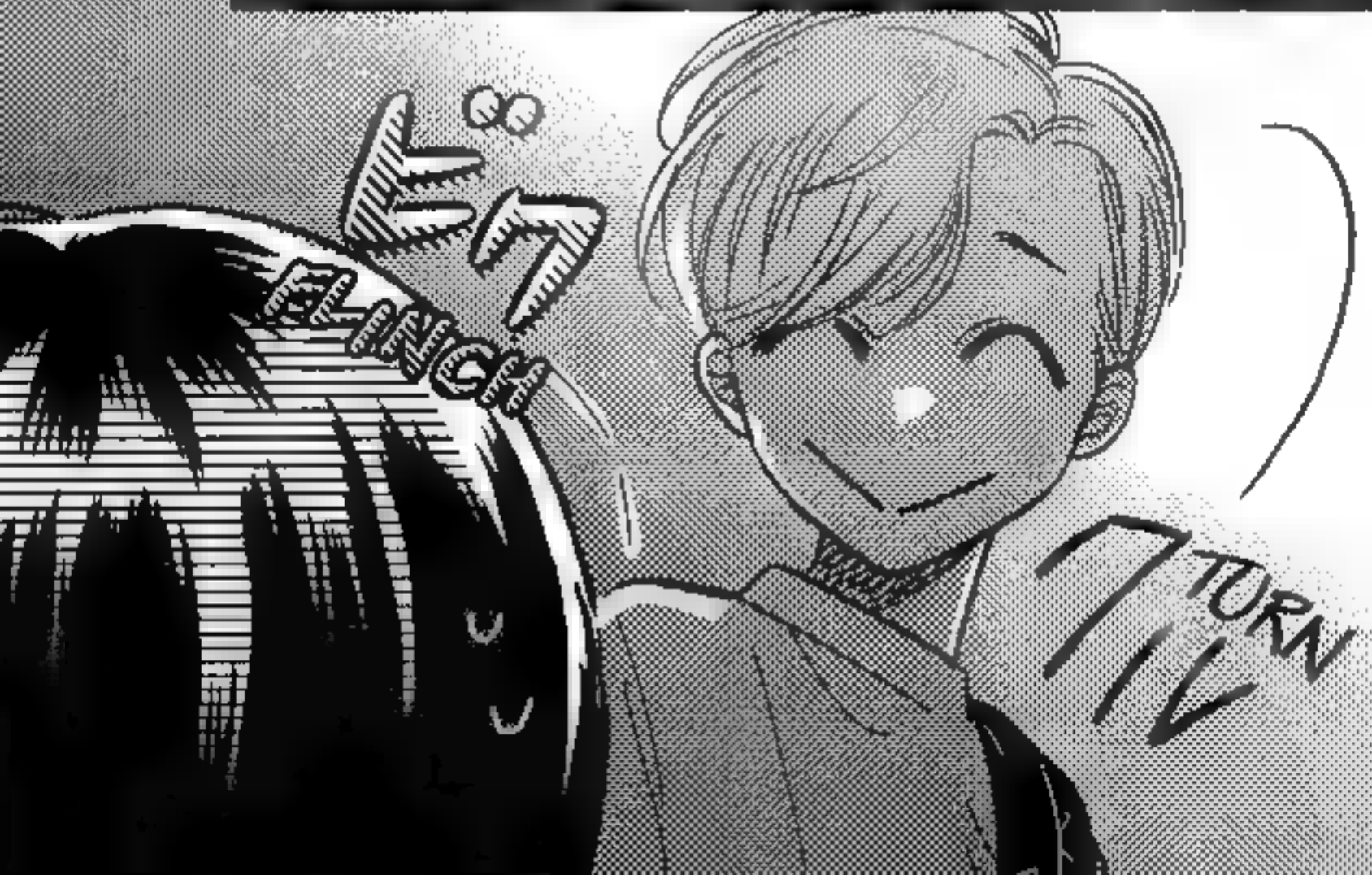
GOING UP AND
TALKING TO HIM
AND THEN WAVING
AT HIM WAS
MOVING WAY
TOO FAST...
CAN'T BELIEVE
I DID THAT...



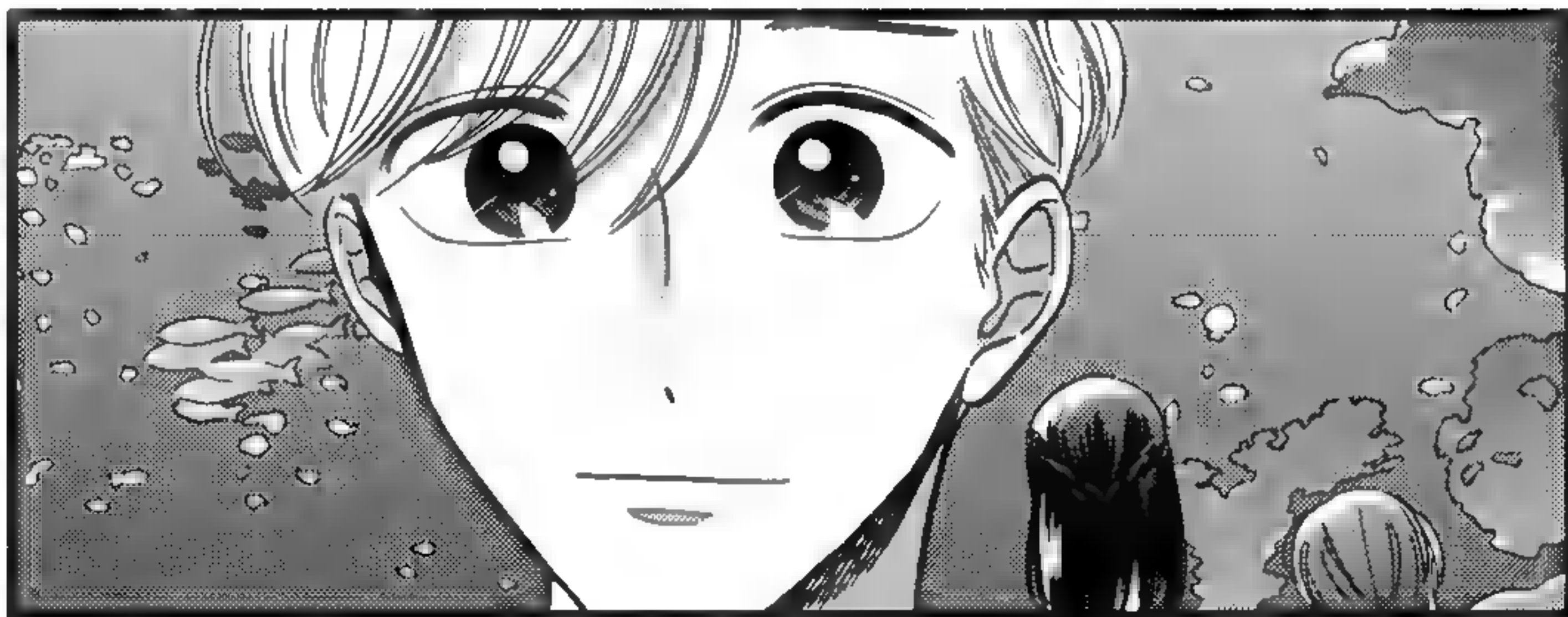
I HAVE
TO BE MORE
MINDFUL...

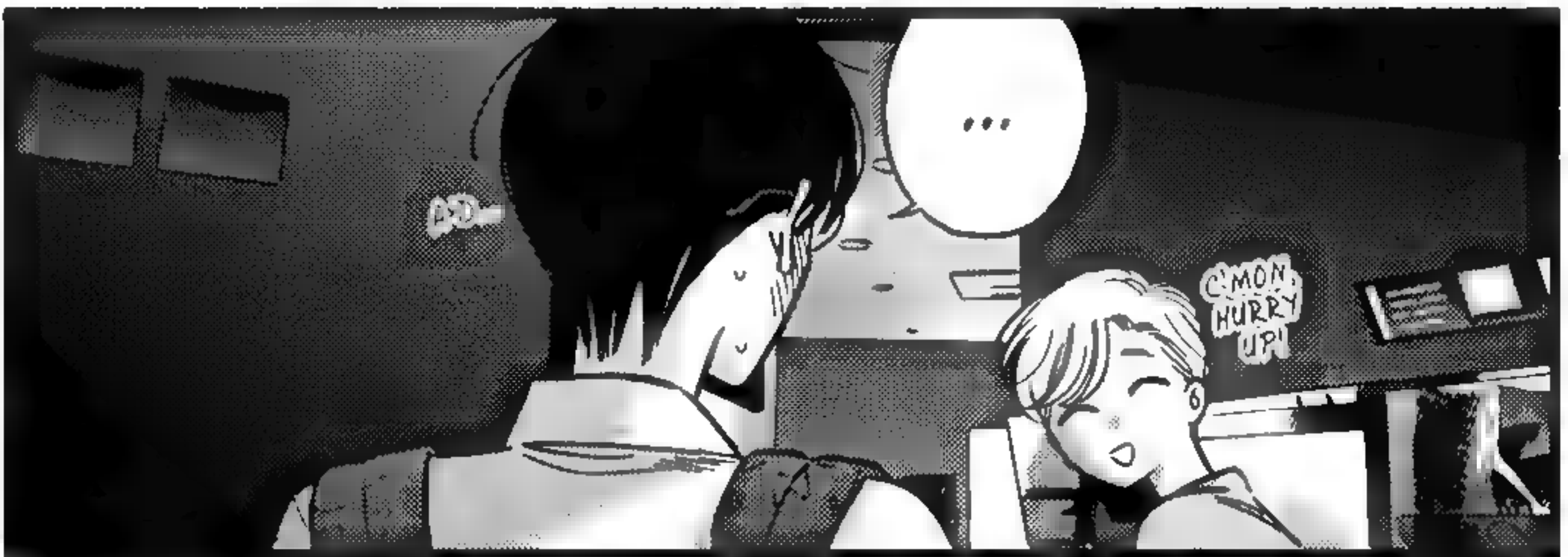
...AND
LOOK MORE
CLOSELY...

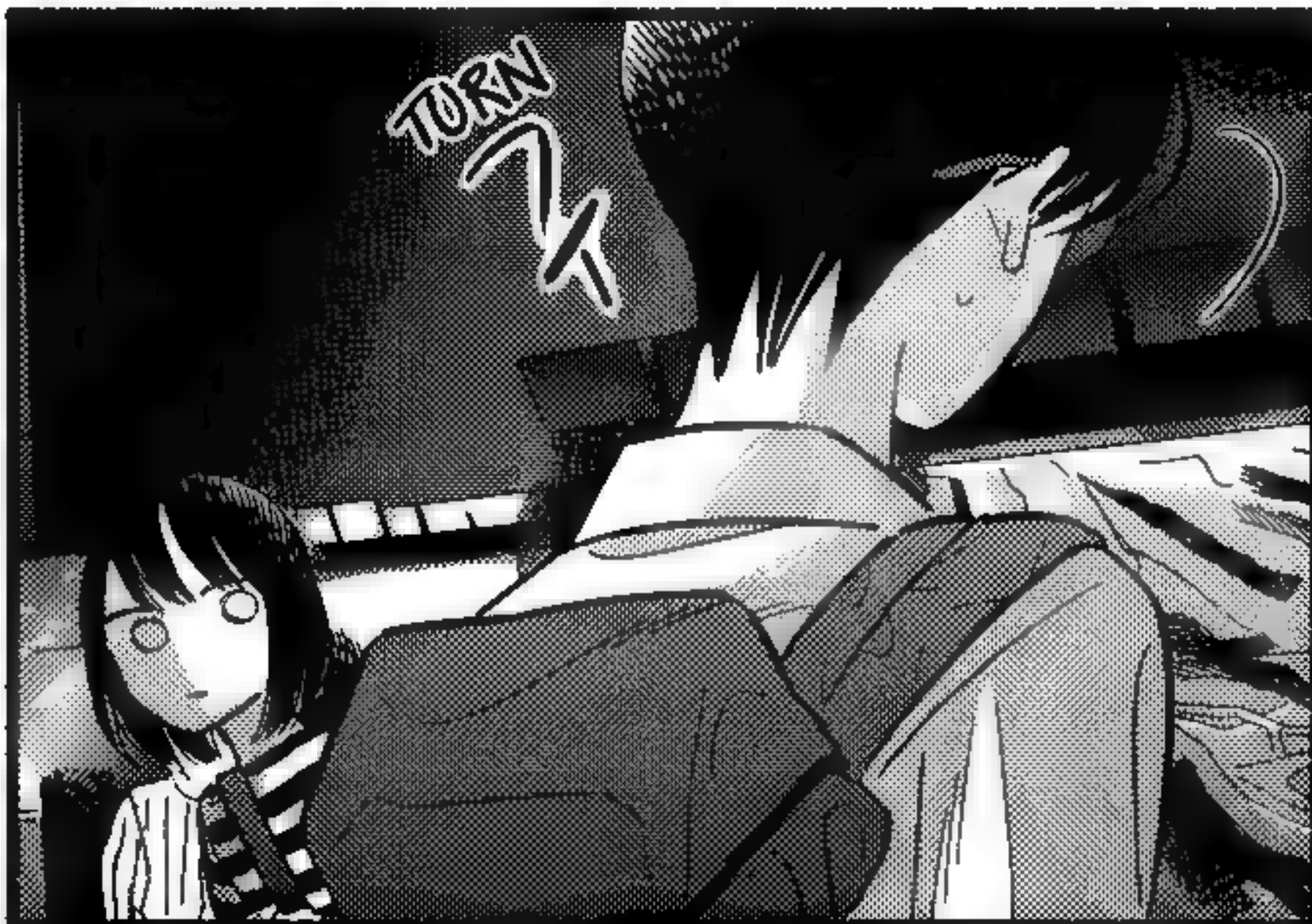












DID I DO
SOMETHING
TO GET ON HIS
NERVES...?!

MOBUKO'S QUIRKS:
SHE'S OVERLY
SELF-CONSCIOUS IN
A NEGATIVE WAY.

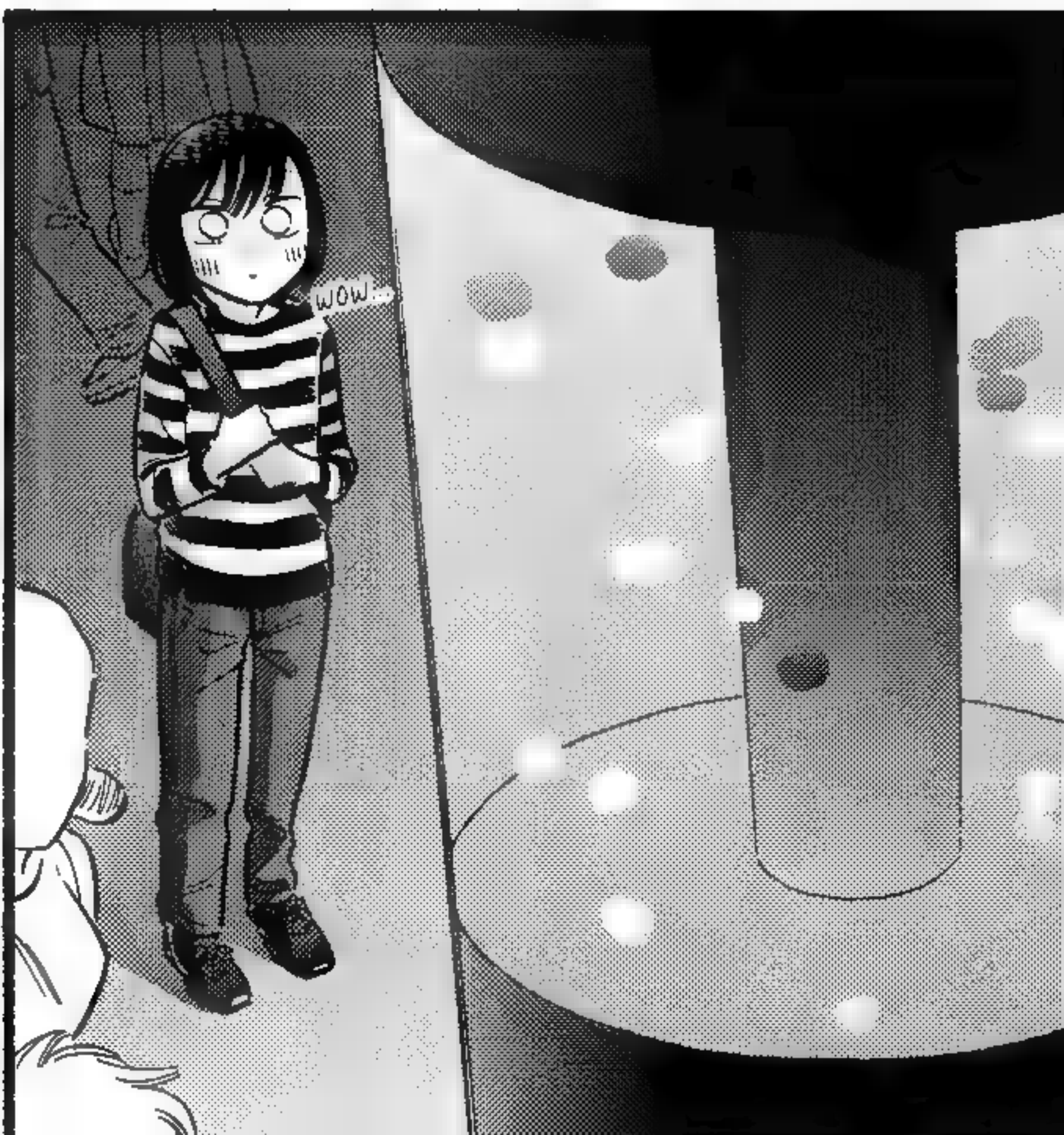
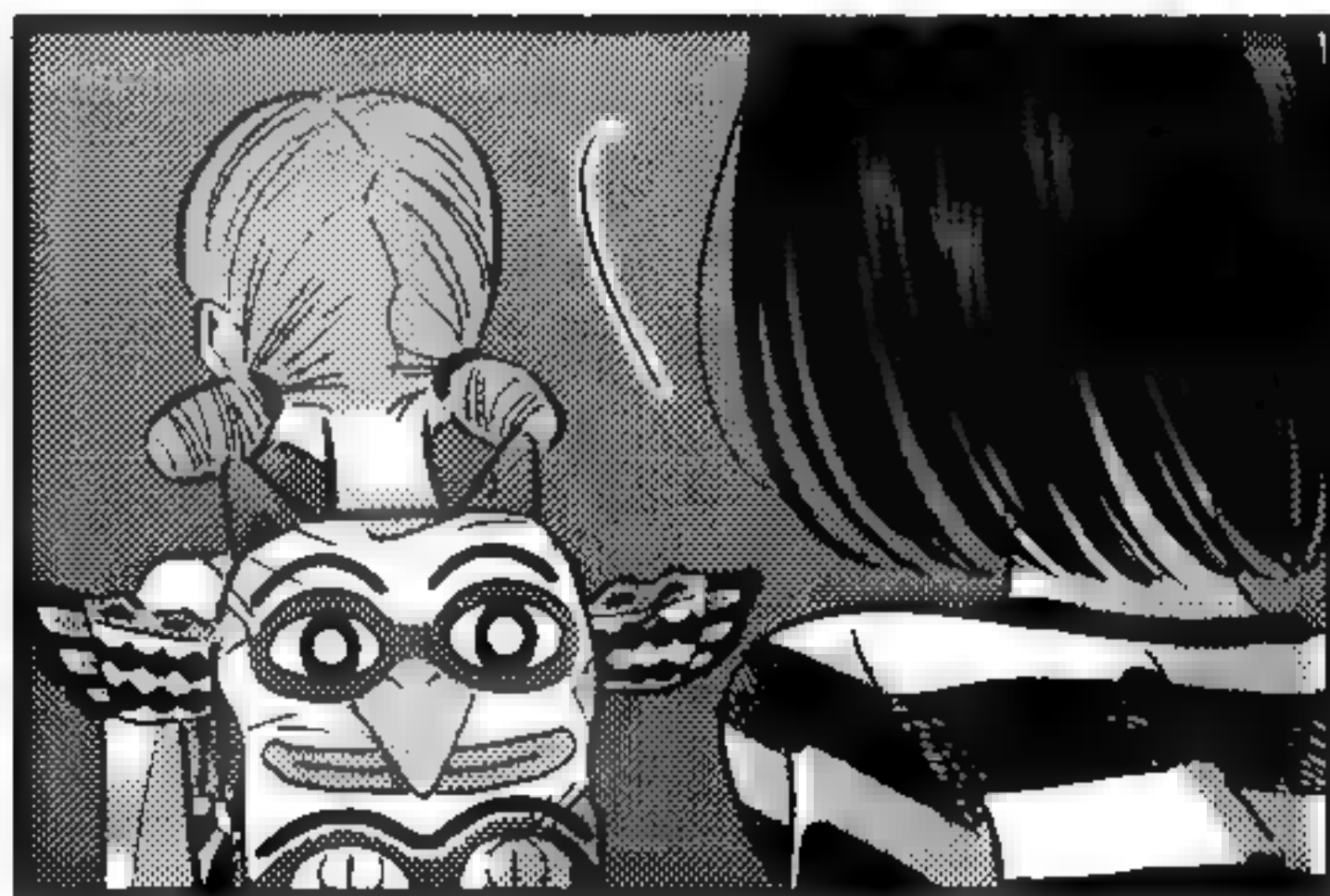


HE AVERTED
HIS EYES...



NO, HE'S
NOT THAT KIND
OF PERSON...

BESIDES...











I'M...



MY CARE-
LESSNESS IS
CAUSING YOU SO
MUCH TROUBLE...

I'M SORRY.

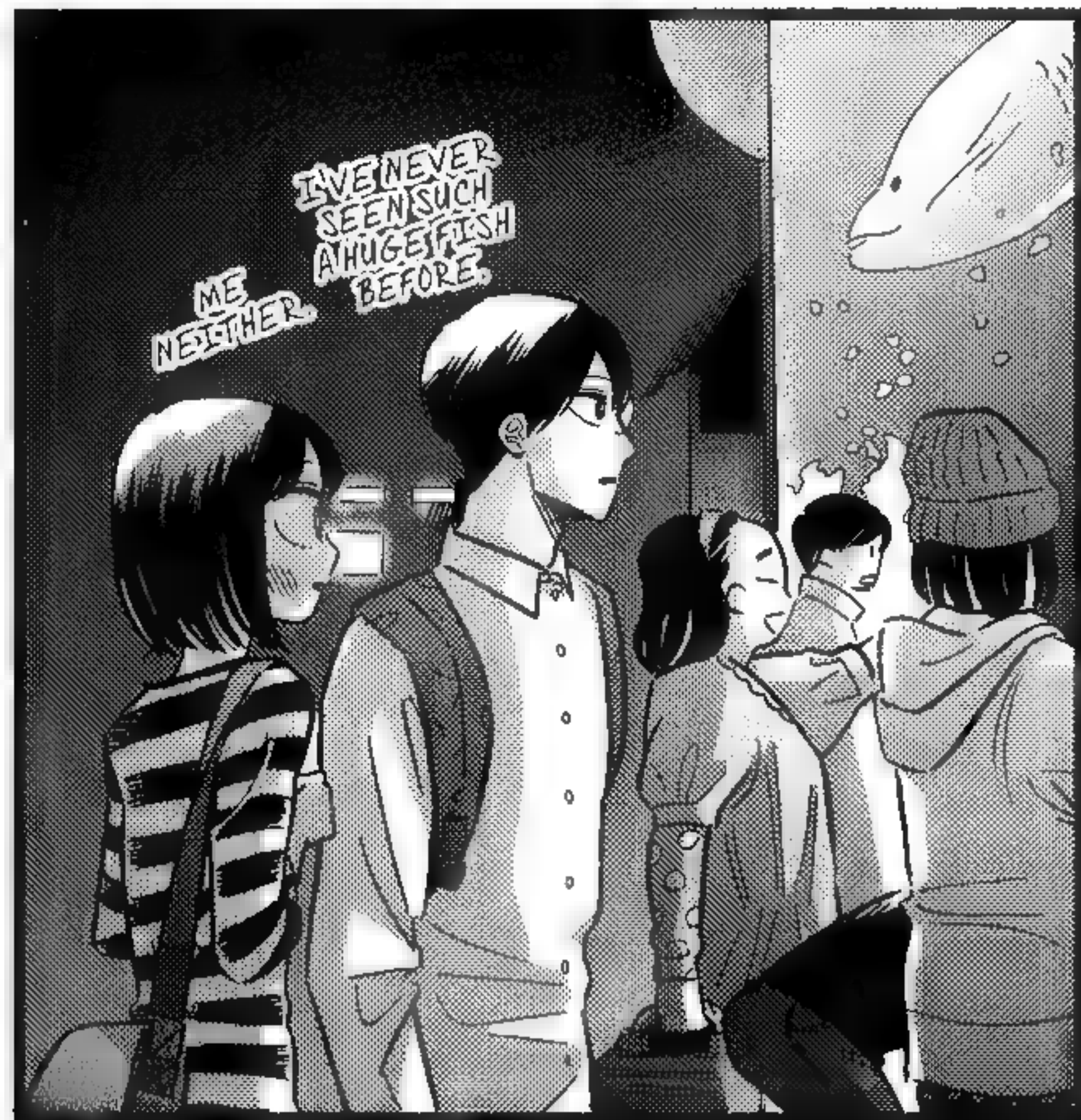


NO, IT'S
REALLY OKAY.



...







I'M GLAD
WE CAME.

I'D LIKE...



I'M THE
SAME WAY.

I DON'T
THINK I'D
HAVE GOTTEN
THE CHANCE
TO COME BY
MYSELF,
SO...



...IF WE COULD GO
EVEN MORE PLACES
TOGETHER.



WAIT...
WHAT I JUST
SAID...



HM?



THIS IS
SUDDEN...

HUH?
ME?

LEAVING

WHAT IF HE TAKES
THAT TO MEAN I'M
INVITING HIM OUT
SOMEWHERE...?!

OH MAN...
I FEEL LIKE
I'VE PUT HIM IN
A REALLY TIGHT
SPOT HERE!

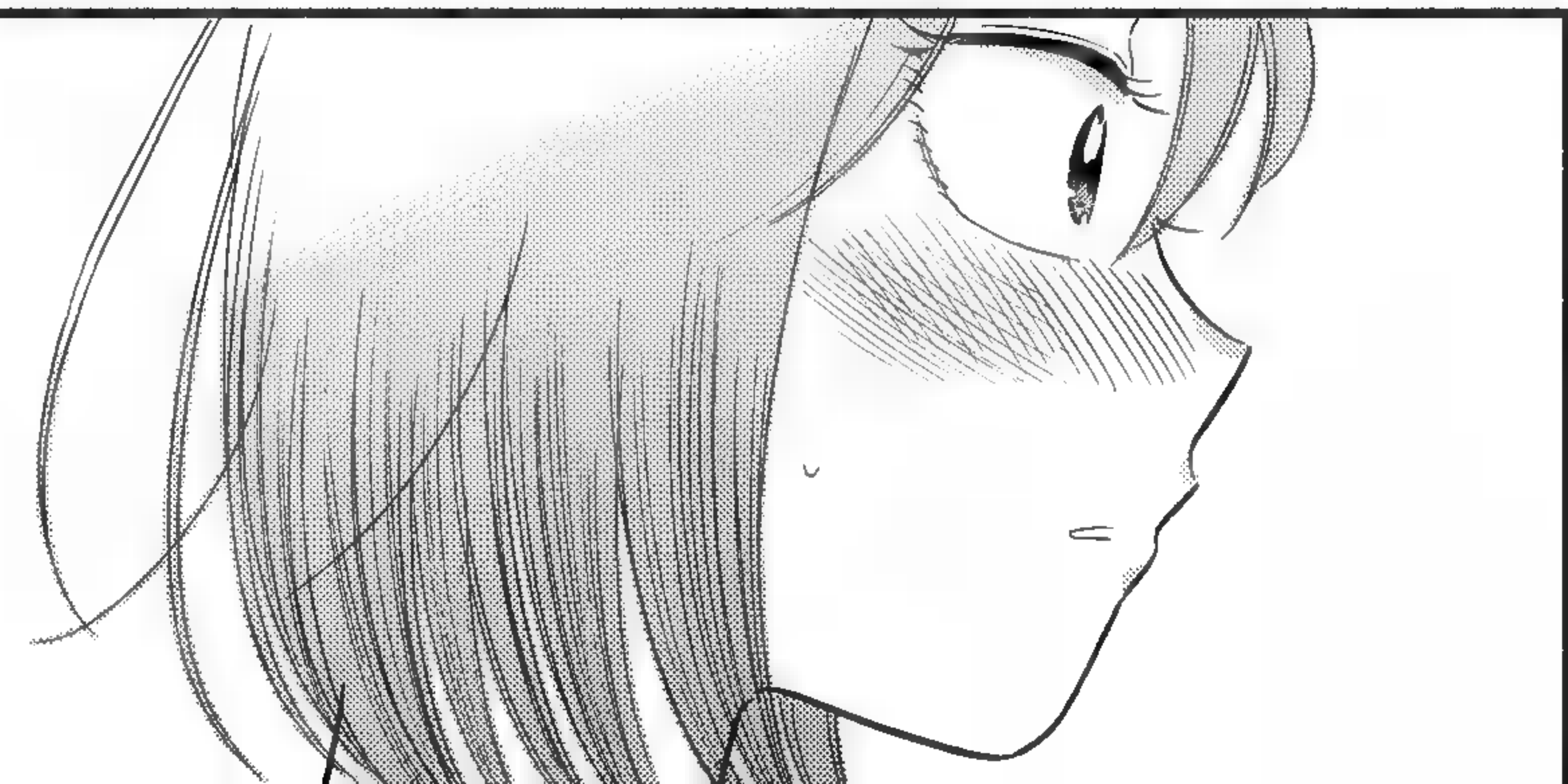
WHEN I SAID
"TOGETHER,"
I SHOULD'VE
ADDED "WITH
EVERYONE"...



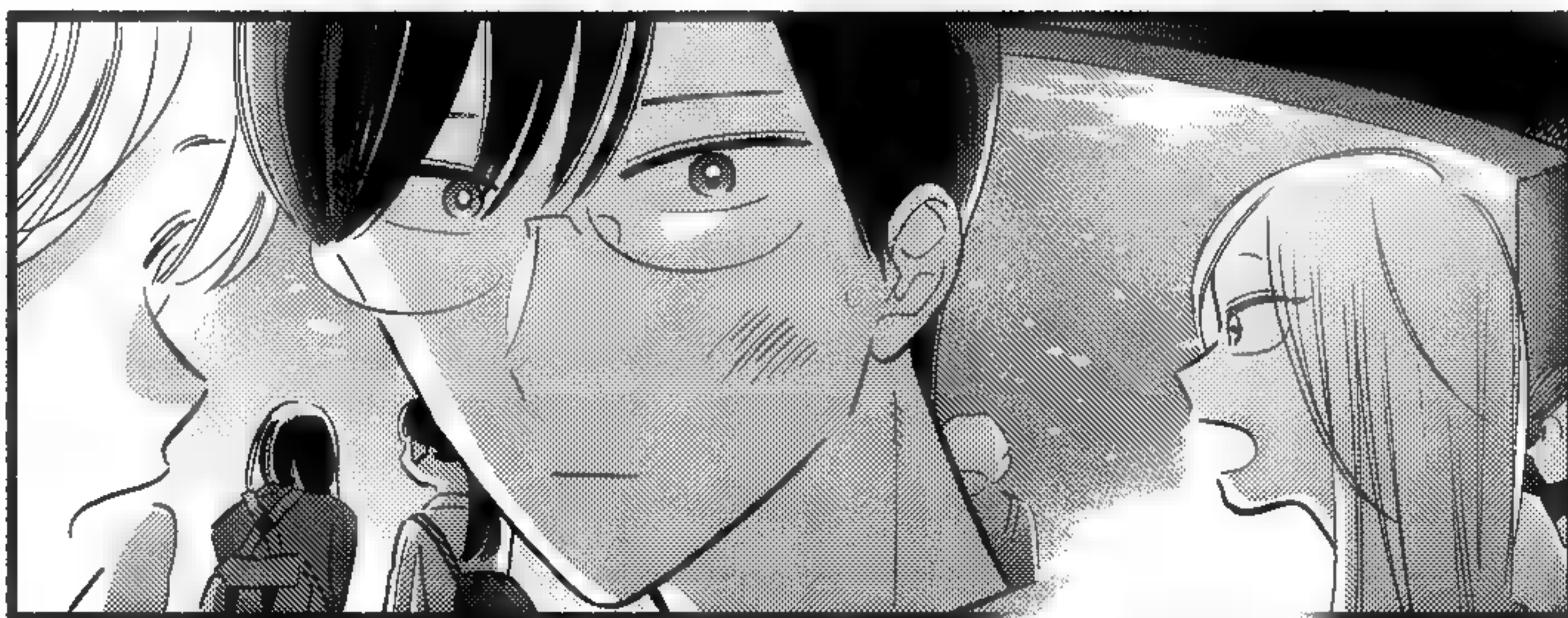
YEAH.



IF YOU'D
LIKE...



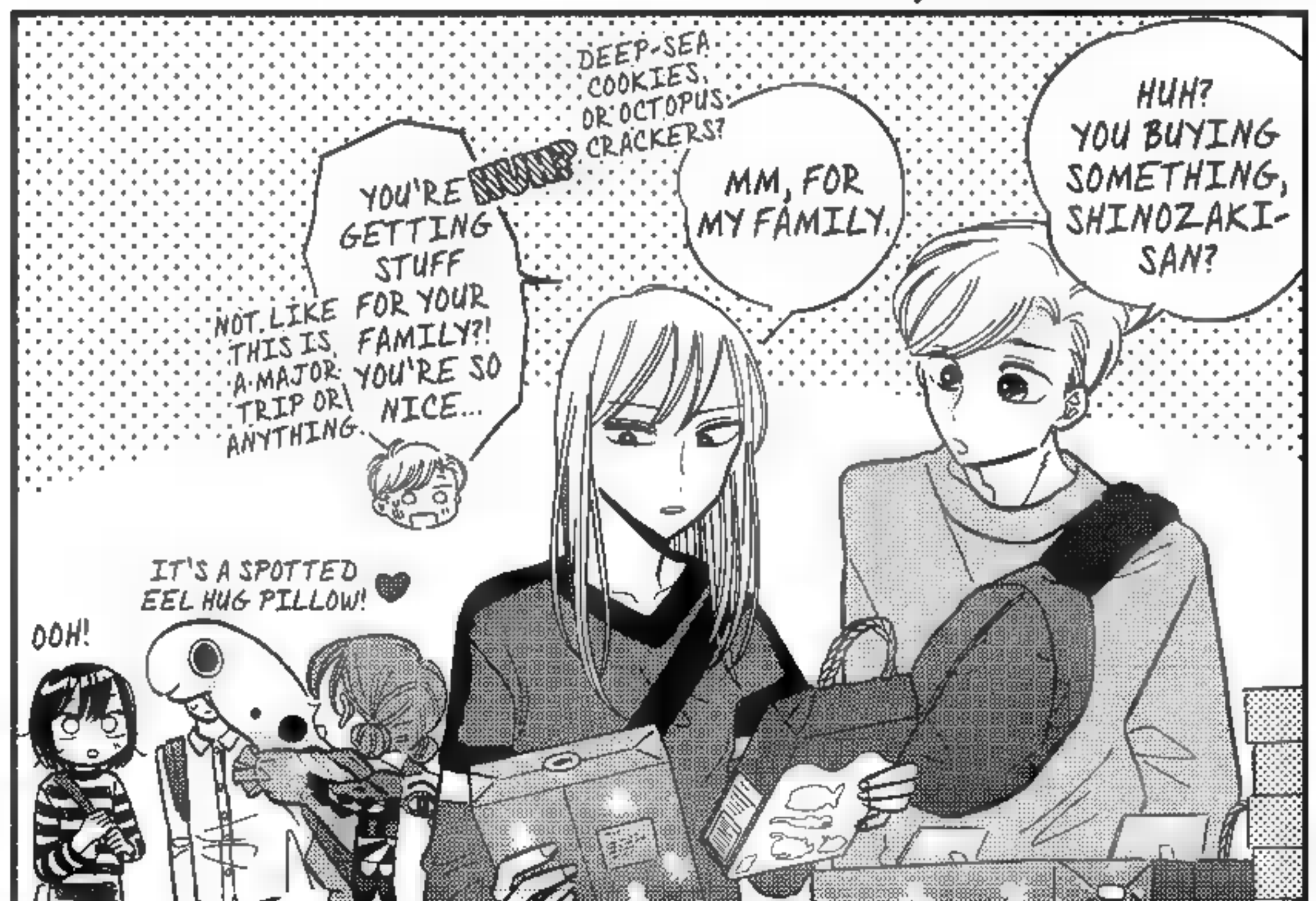




THE DISTANCE
BETWEEN US...

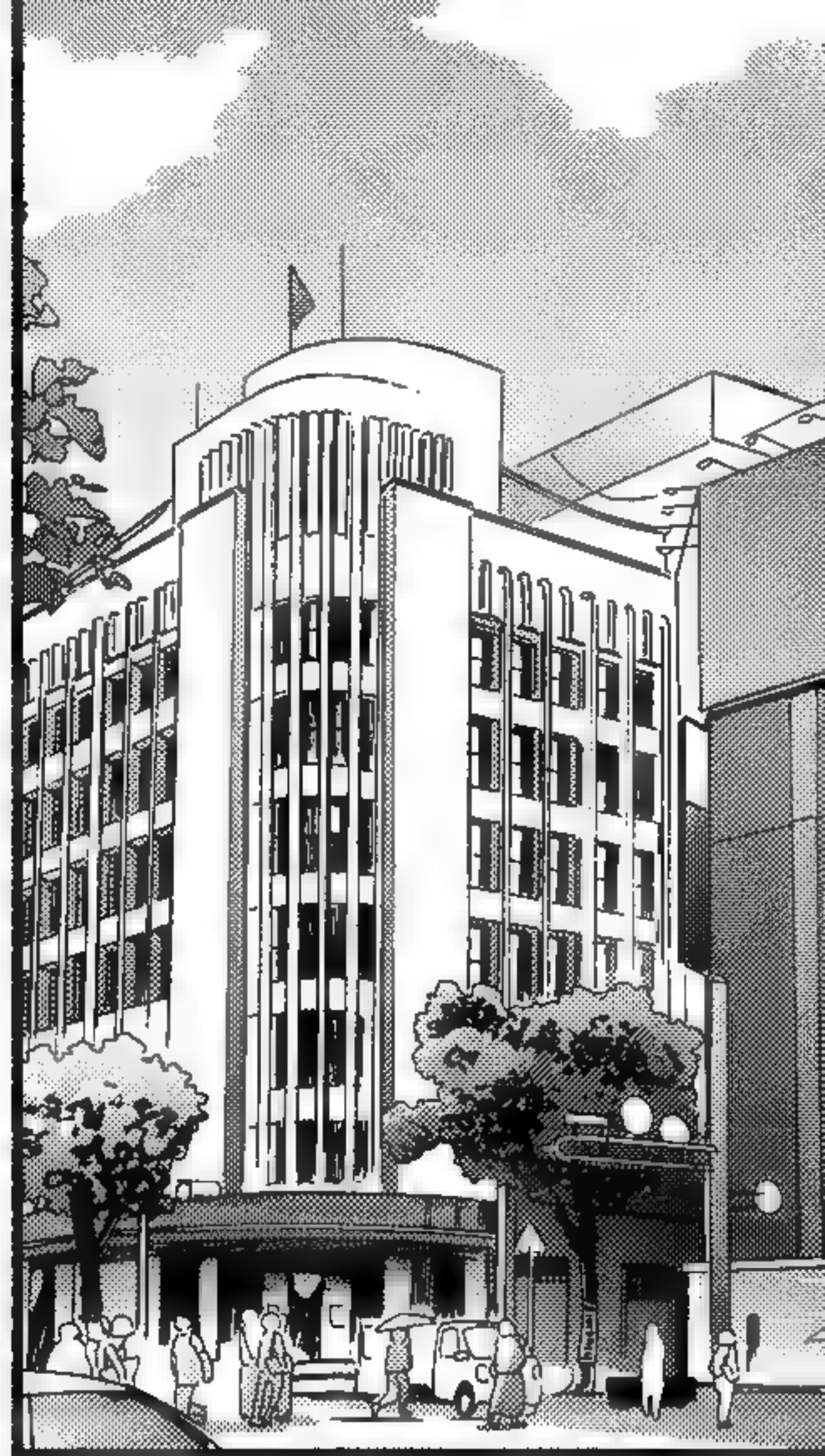
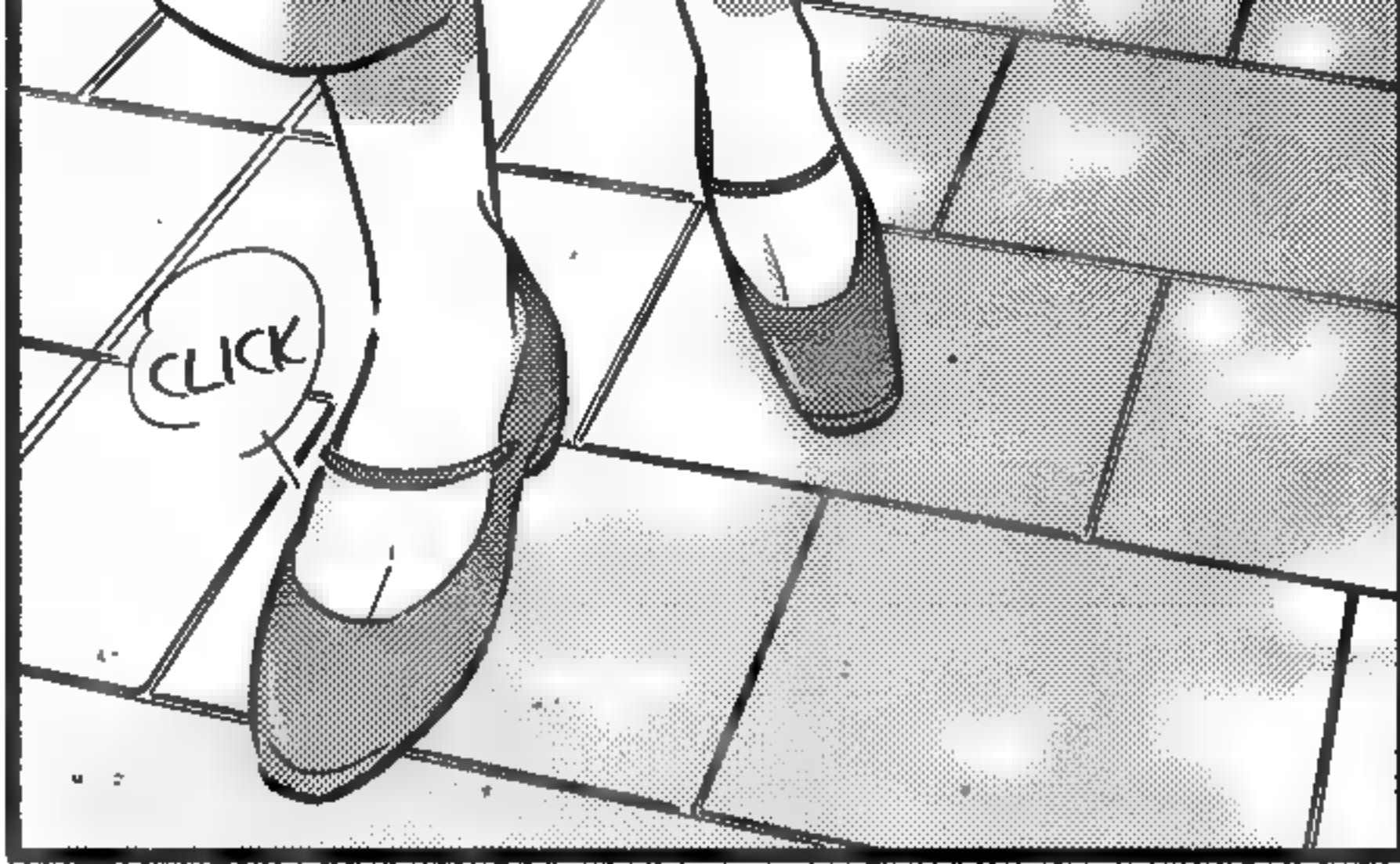
...MAY BE
CHANGING.

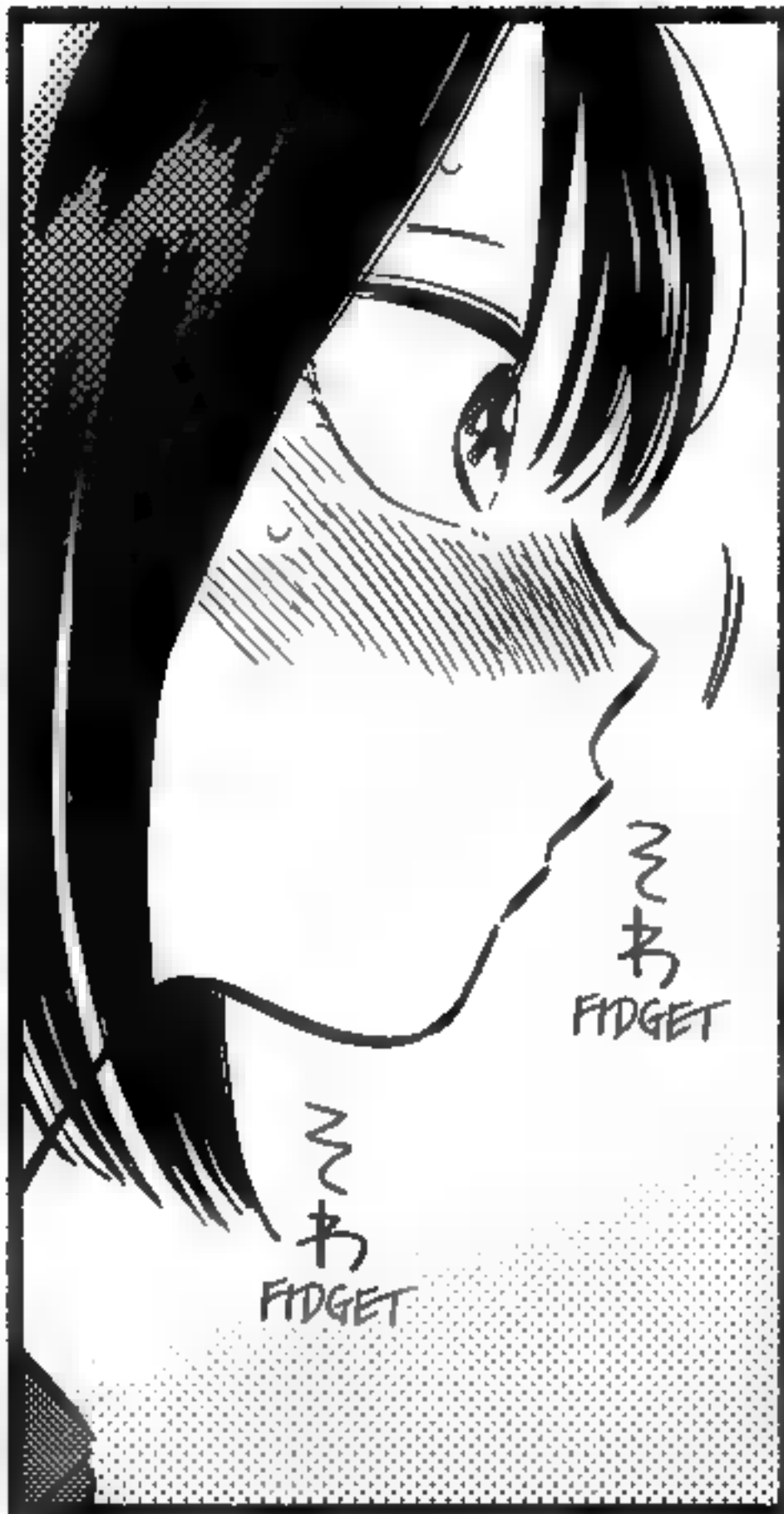
LATER, AT THE GIFT SHOP



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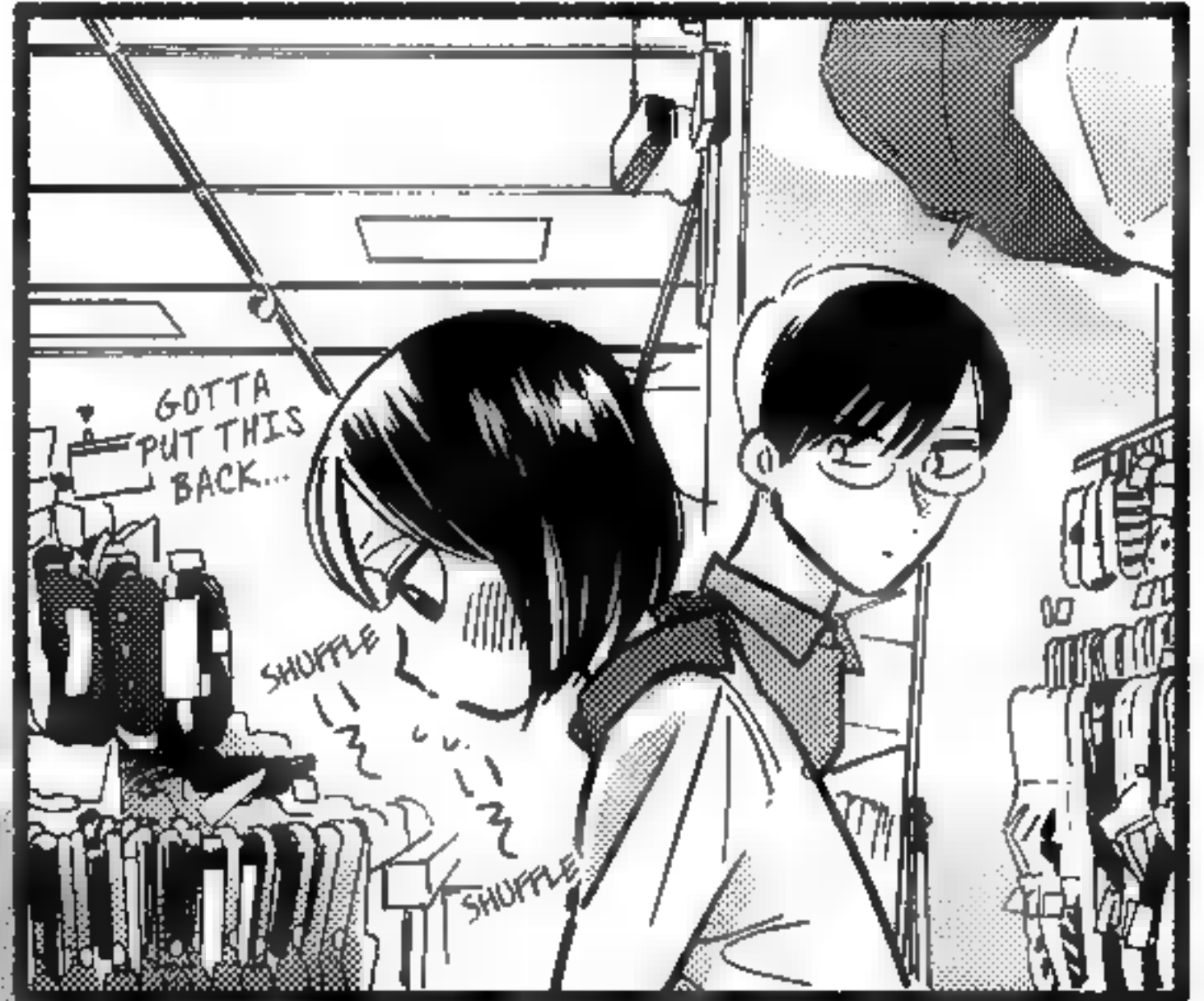


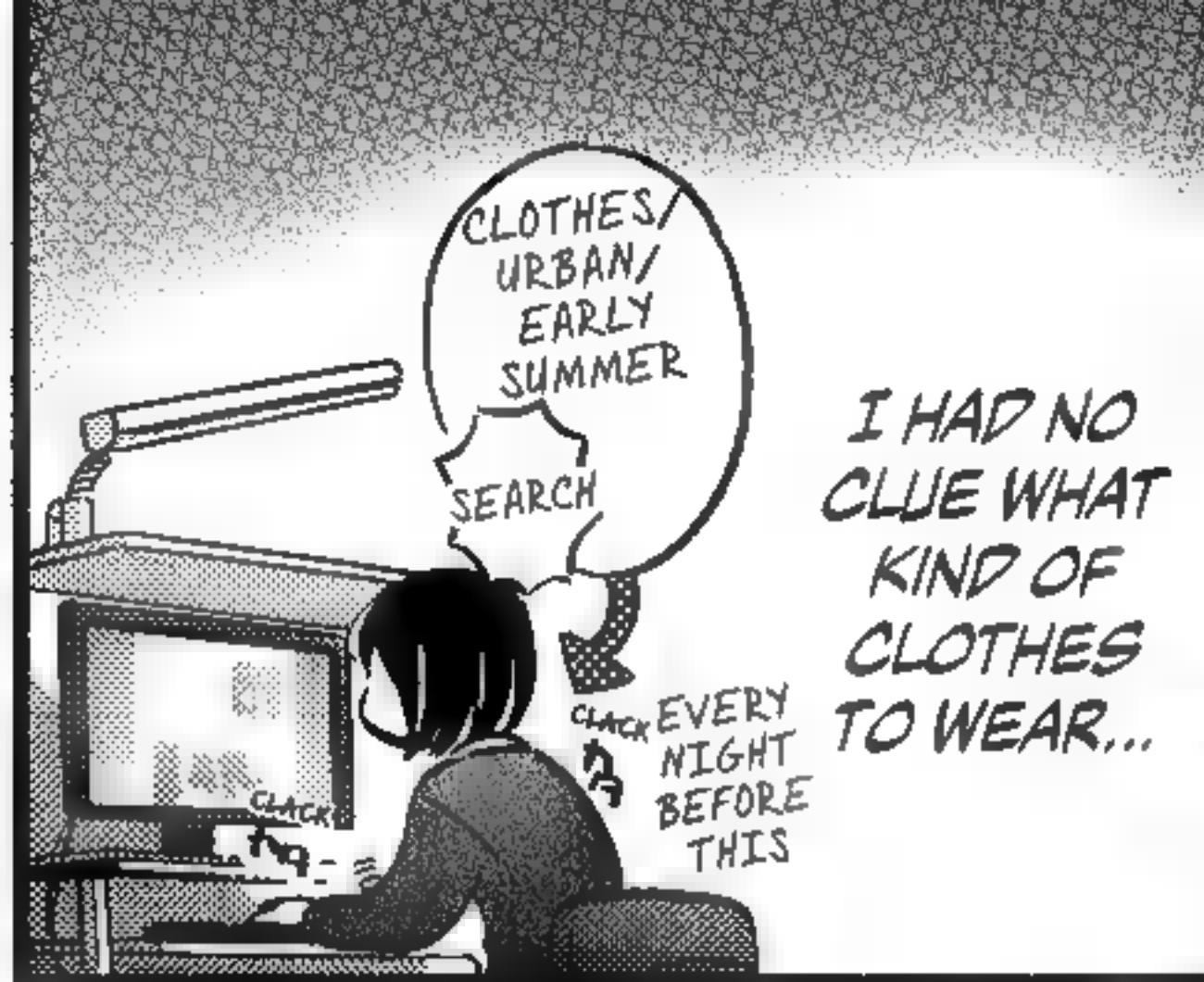




THE
OTHER DAY,
WHEN WE
WERE AT THE
AQUARIUM WITH
EVERYONE...









...THAT
I'D GET
TO GO OUT
SOMEWHERE
WITH THE
PERSON
I LIKE.

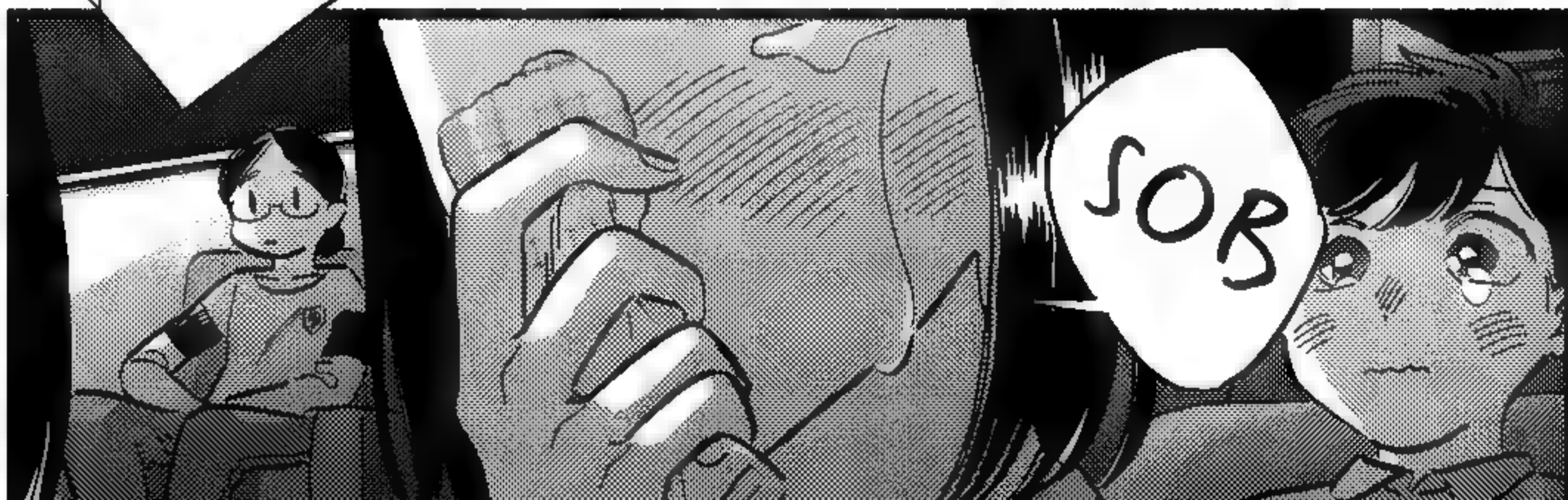


I NEVER
IMAGINED
EVEN ONCE
IN MY LIFE...

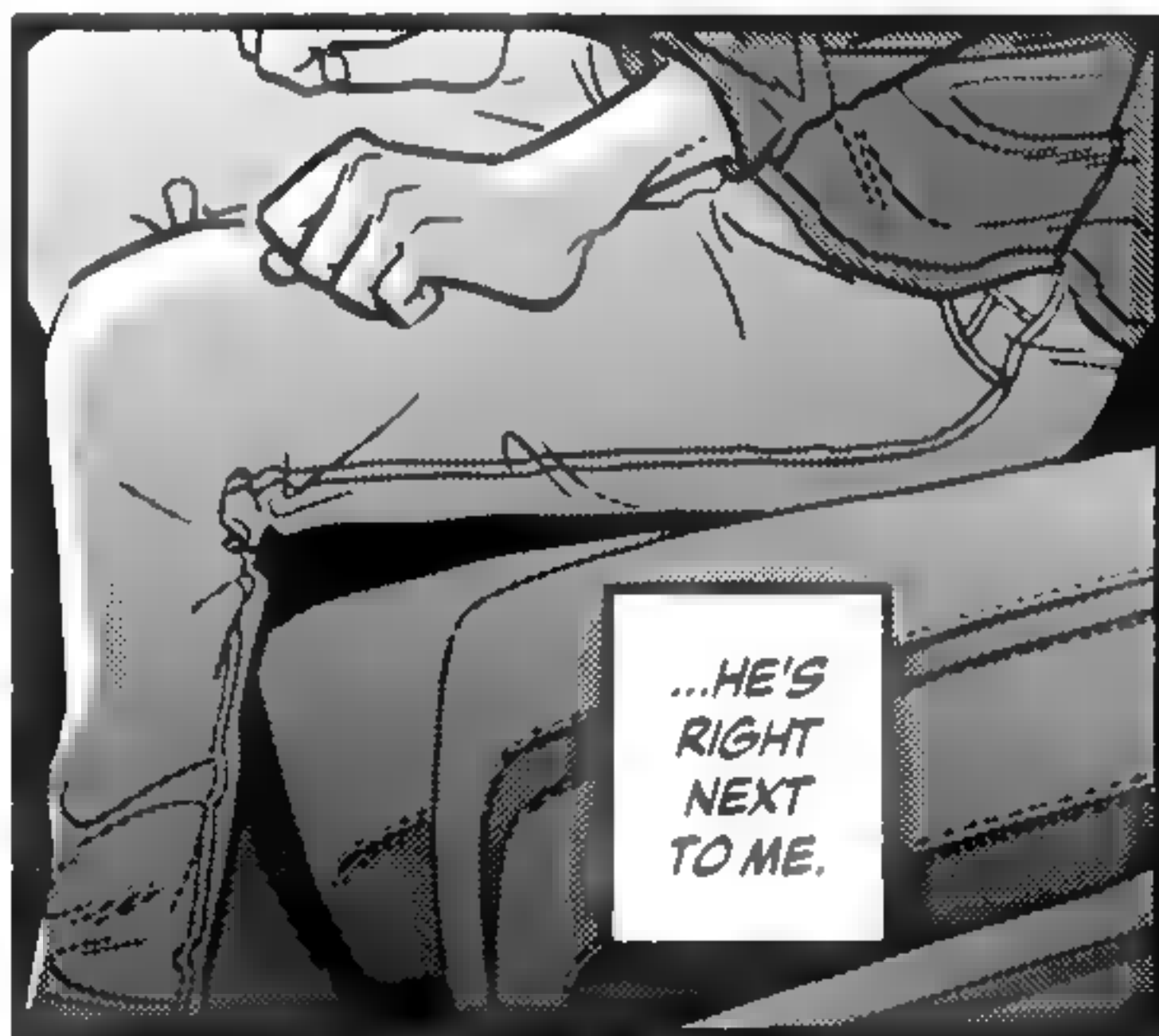


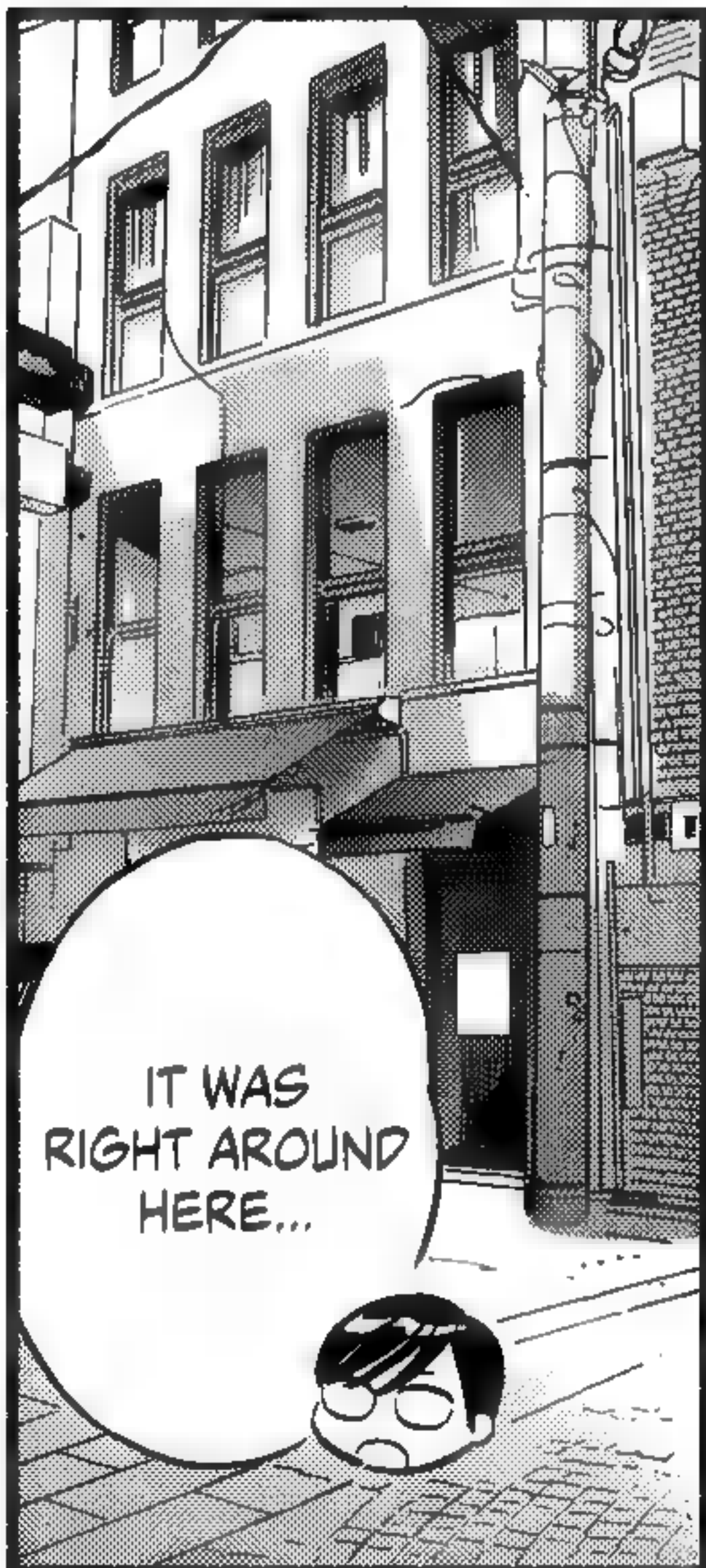
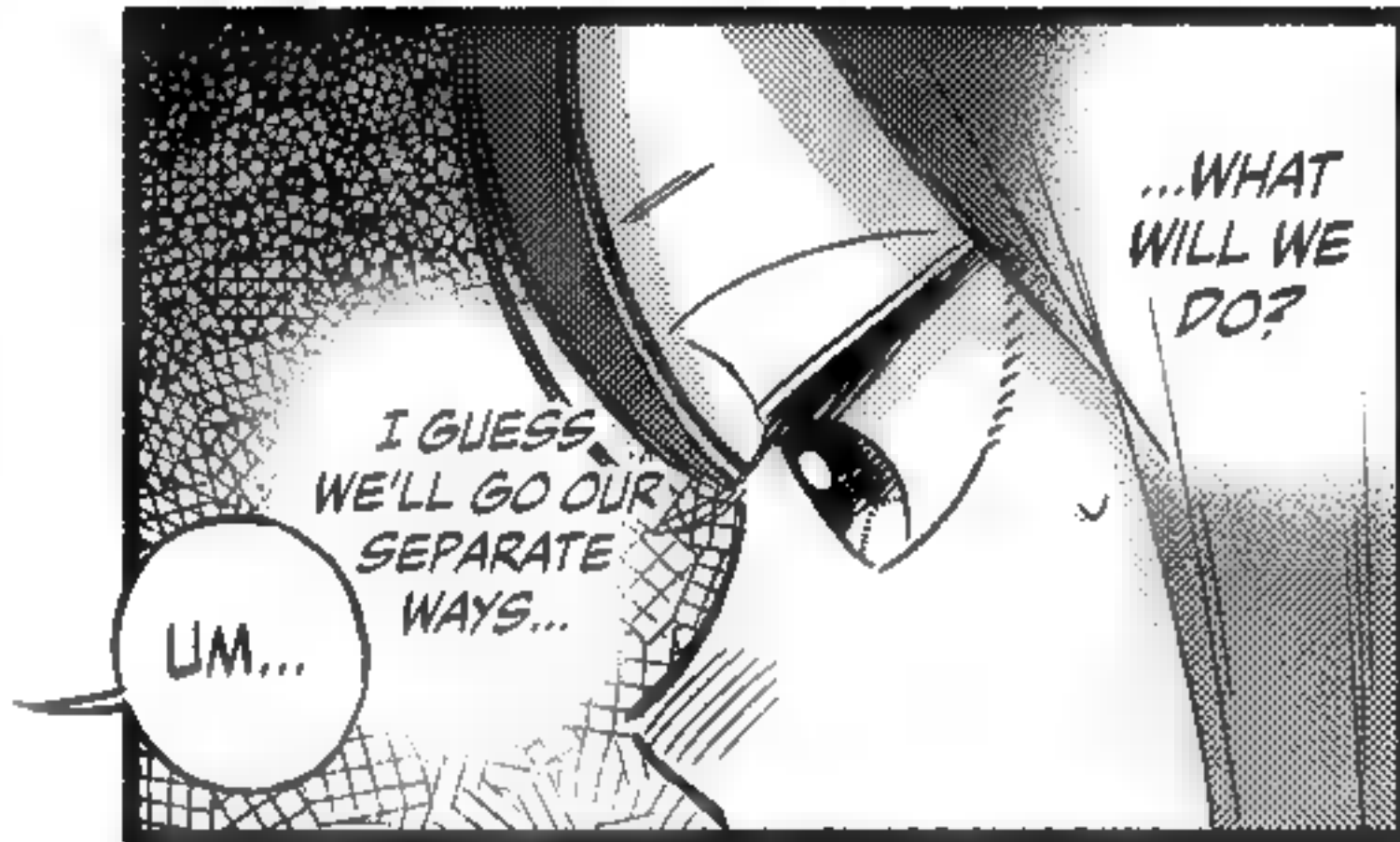
NO ONE CAN
CALL ME A
LOST CHILD
EVER AGAIN.

THAT'S
RIGHT.
FROM NOW
ON, WE'RE
FAMILY.

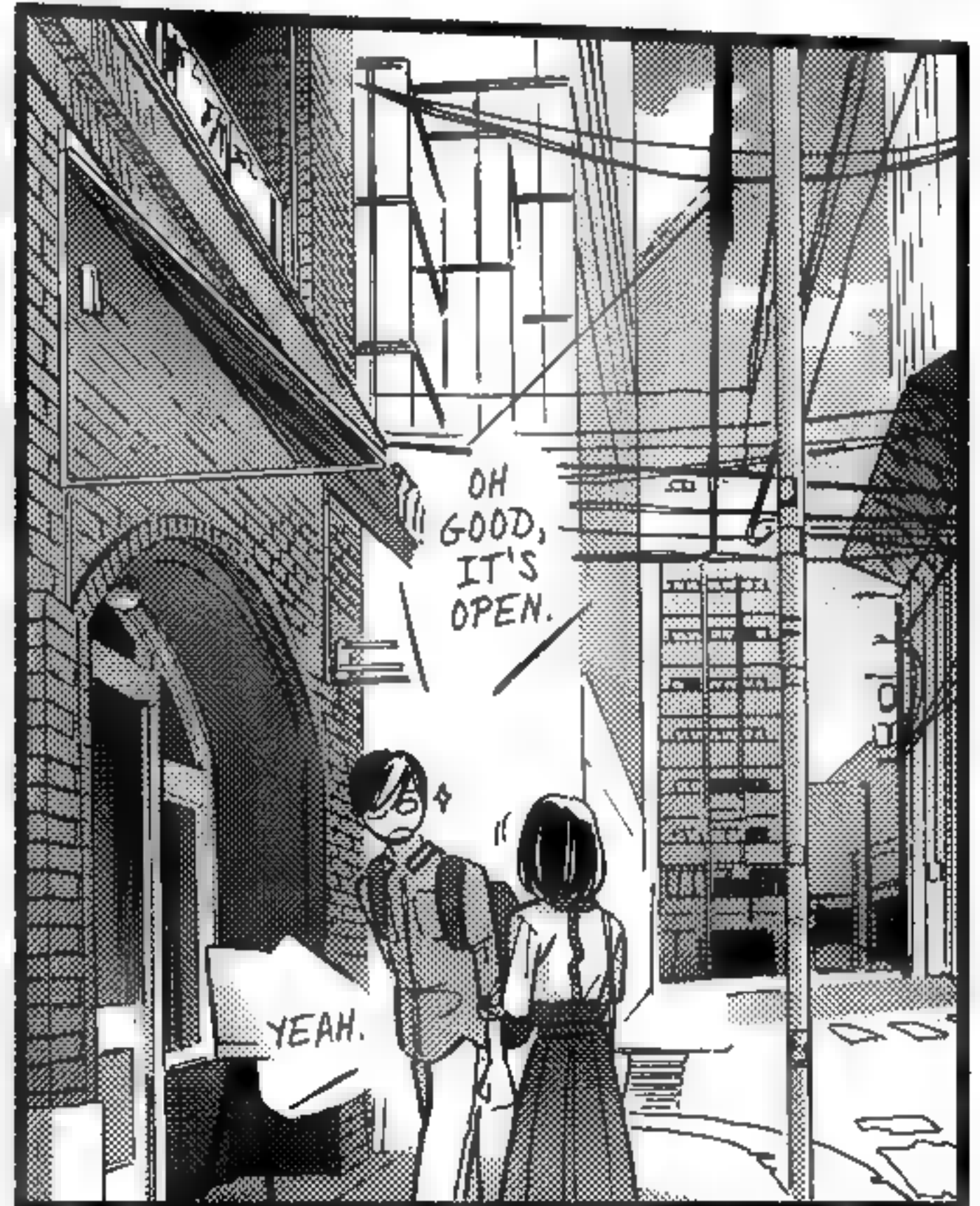


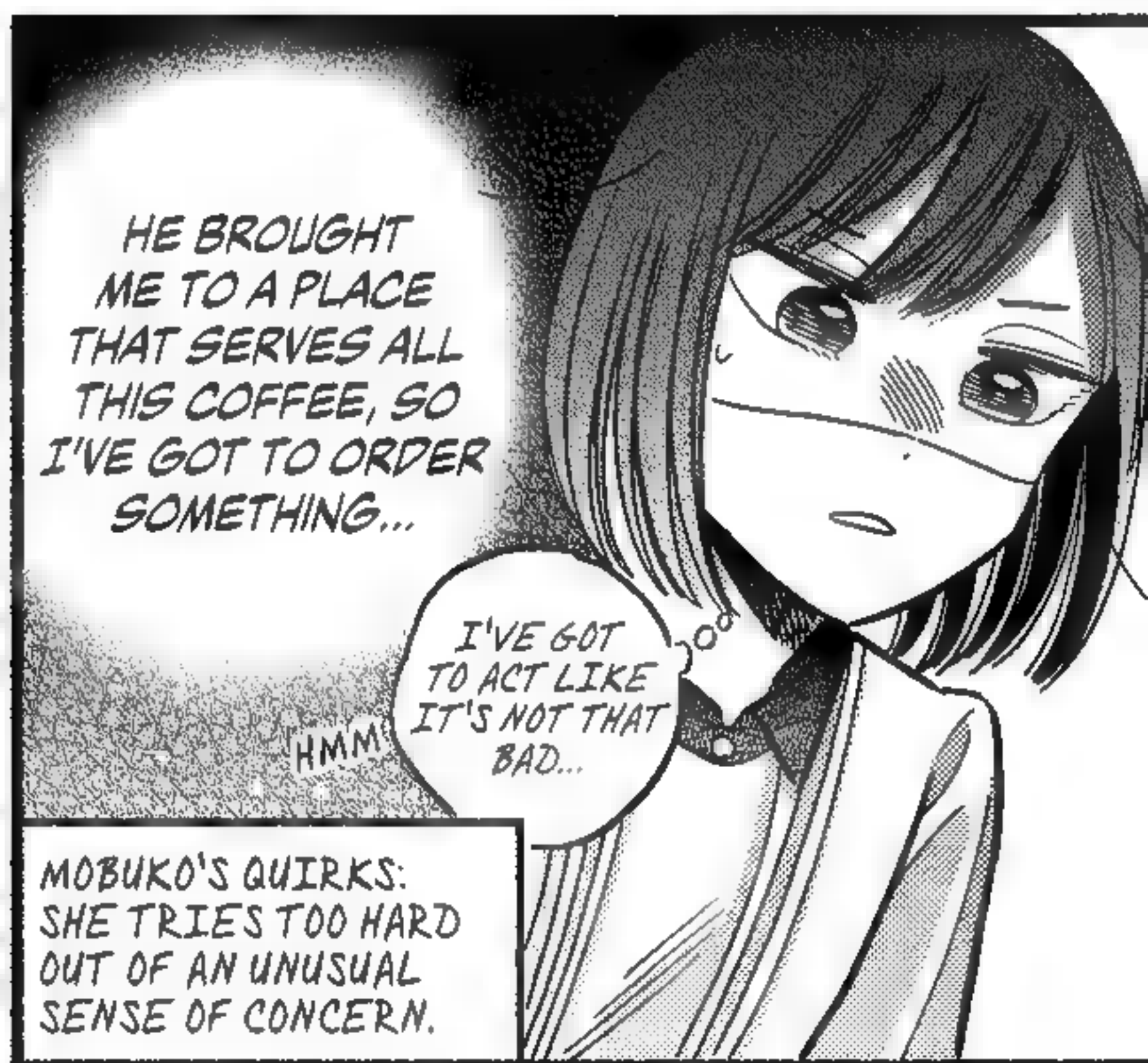
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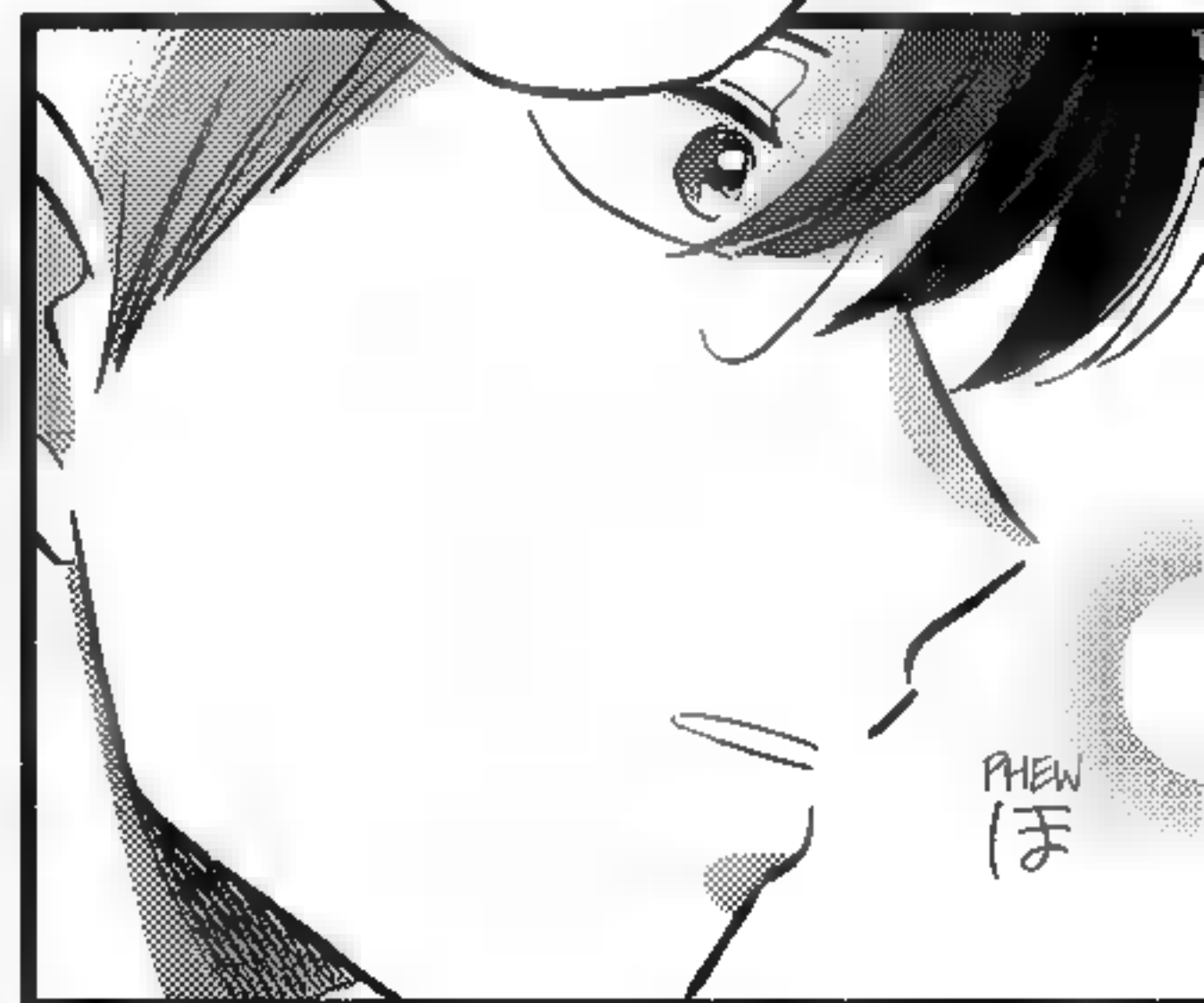






*NOTE: SHISO IS A TYPE OF FRAGRANT LEAF
USED IN JAPANESE CUISINE.









THANK
YOU
VERY
MUCH!



PHEW!



...OUR FUN
TIME SLOWLY
MELTED AWAY.



I SUPPOSE WE
SHOULD START
HEADING BACK
HOME?



PHEW!



YES.



I'LL HAVE
NO NEED TO
WEAR THIS
UNFAMILIAR
SKIRT...



THIS
ONCE-
IN-A-
LIFETIME
DAY IS
ABOUT
TO END.



TANAKA-
SAN.

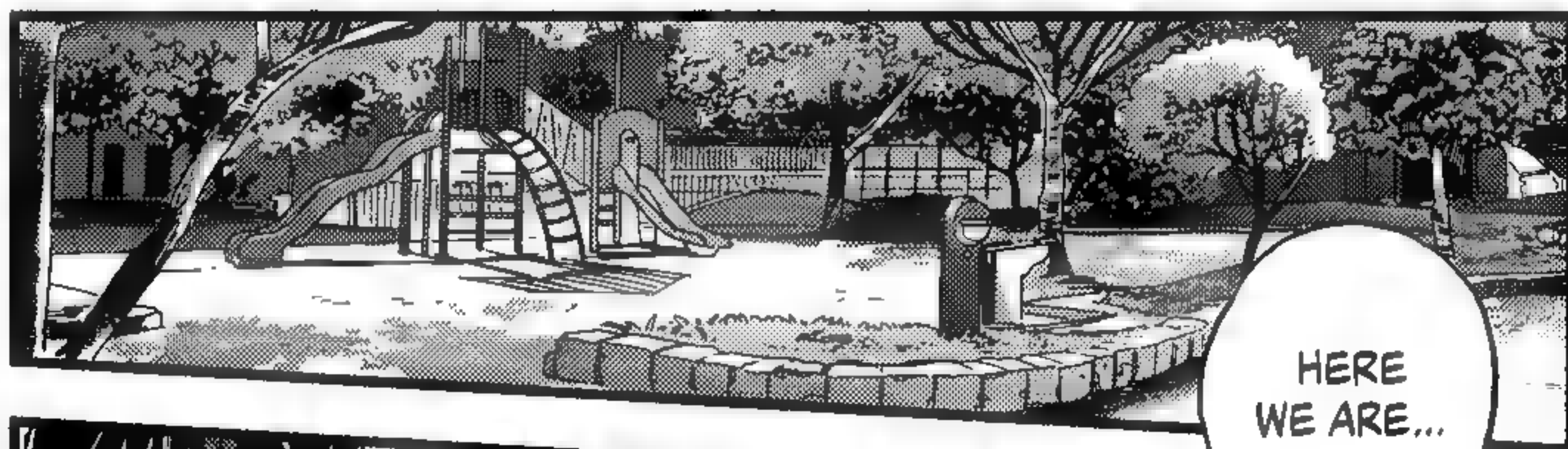
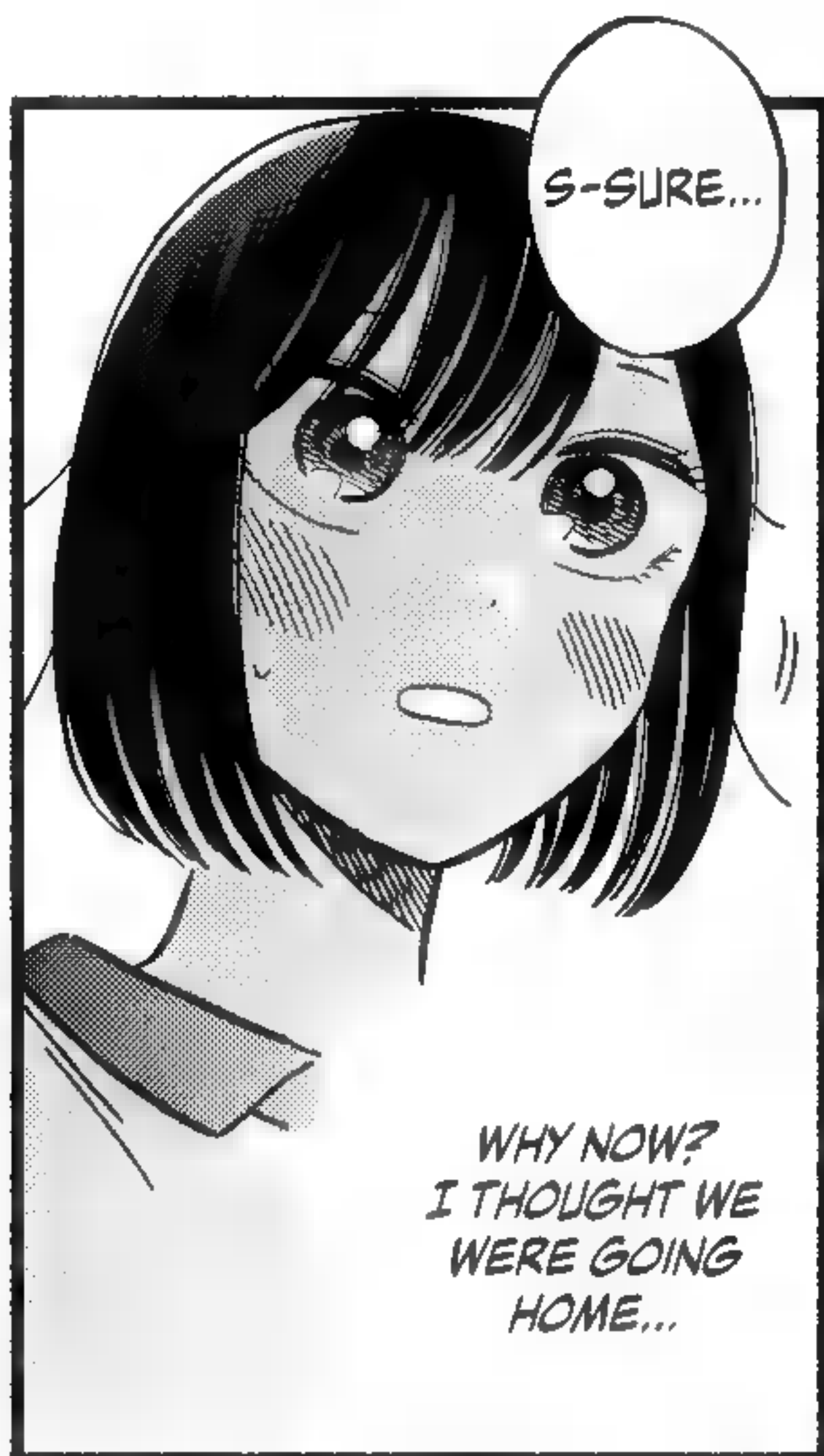
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...OR DESPERATELY
HIDE THE BLISTERS
THESE SHOES
ARE CAUSING!

I'M
AFRAID
TO EVEN
LOOK AT
IT...

HER
HEEL IS
SCRAPING
AGAINST
IT.





HUH?

I'VE GOT
SOME BANDAGES,
IF YOU WANT TO
PUT THEM ON YOUR
BLISTERS...



...BUT IT'S
REALLY NOT
THAT BIG A
DEAL...

TH-
THANK
YOU
FOR
GOING
OUT OF
YOUR
WAY...



...

SO...

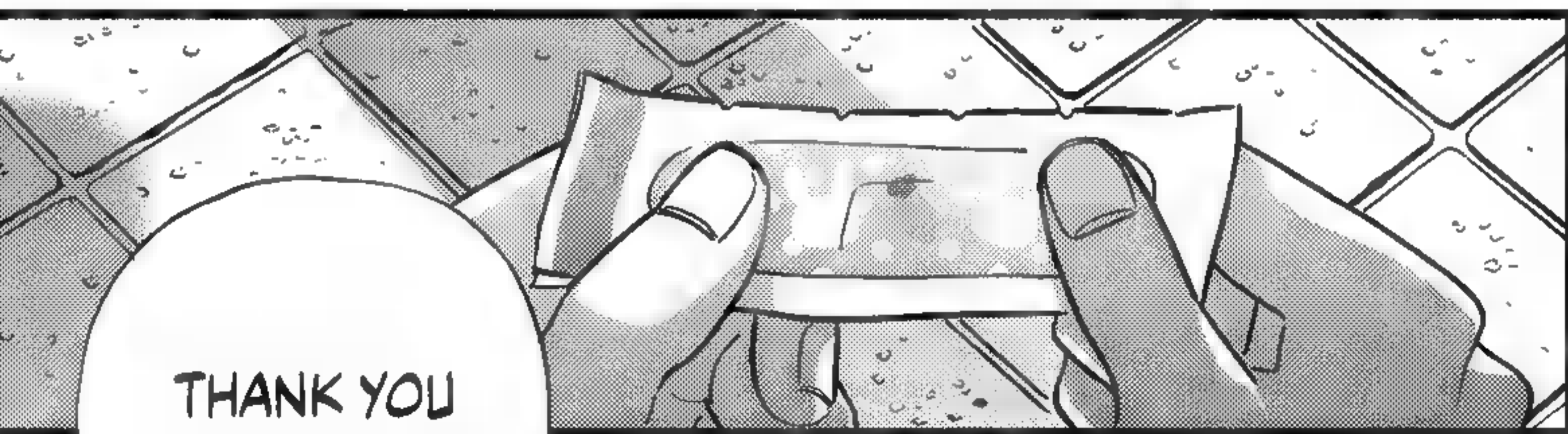


HE FIGURED
ME OUT!

OH--

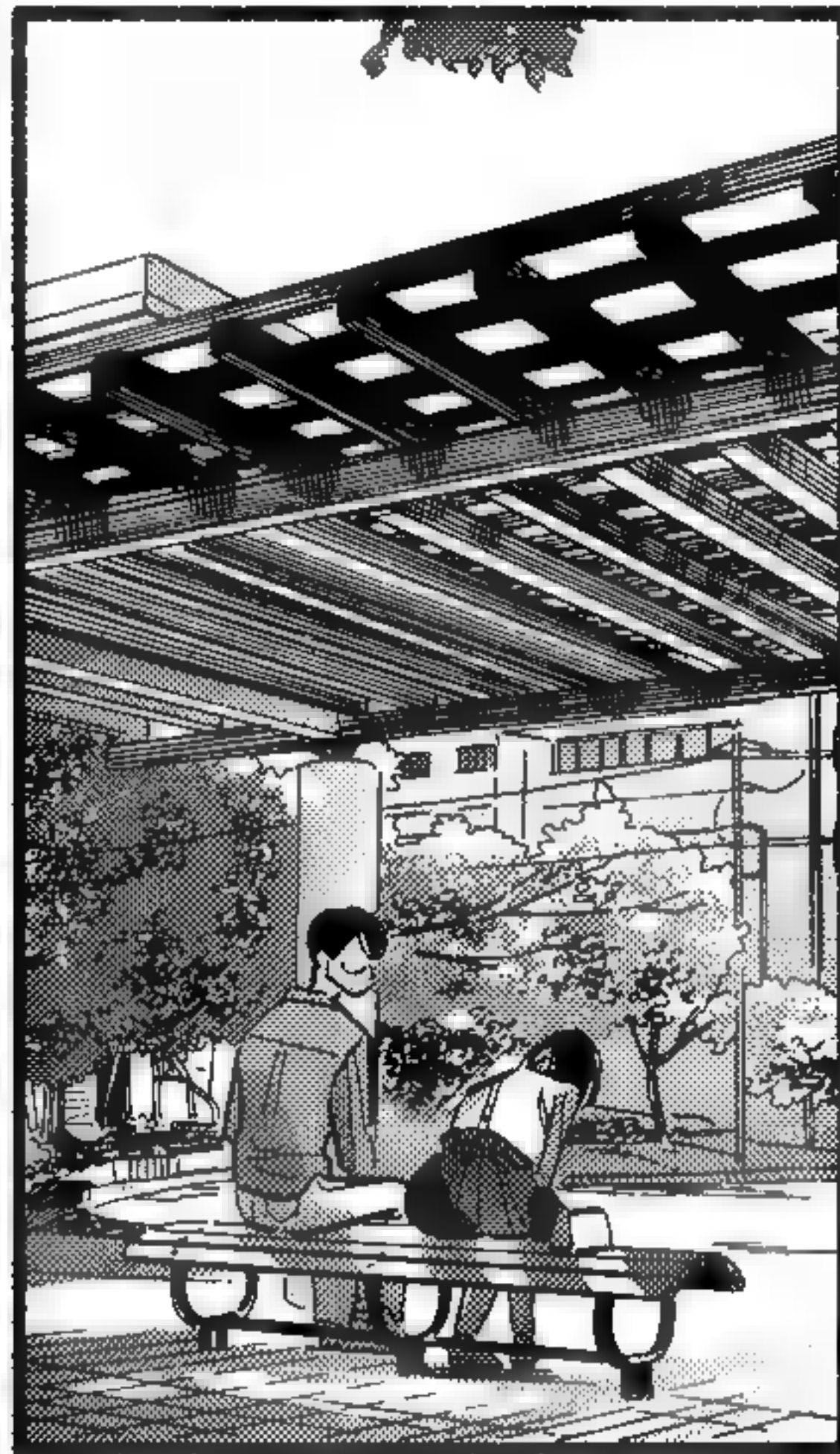
NO, I--

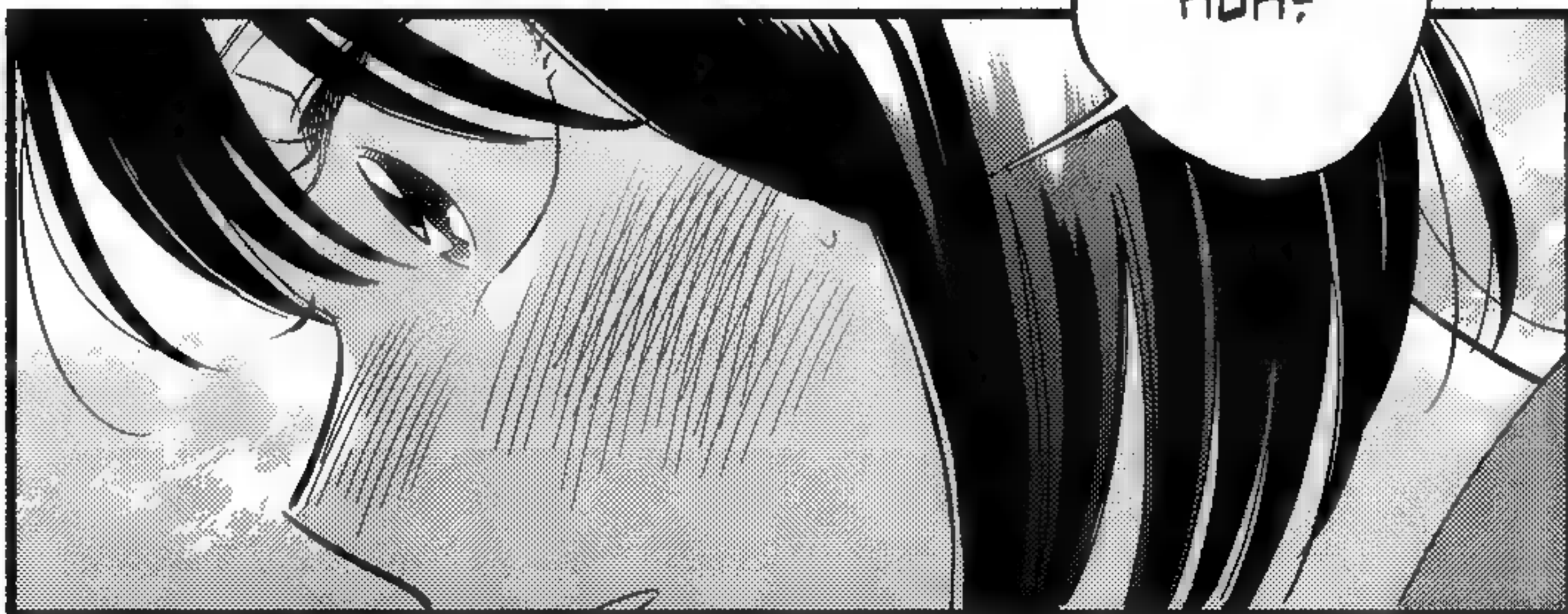
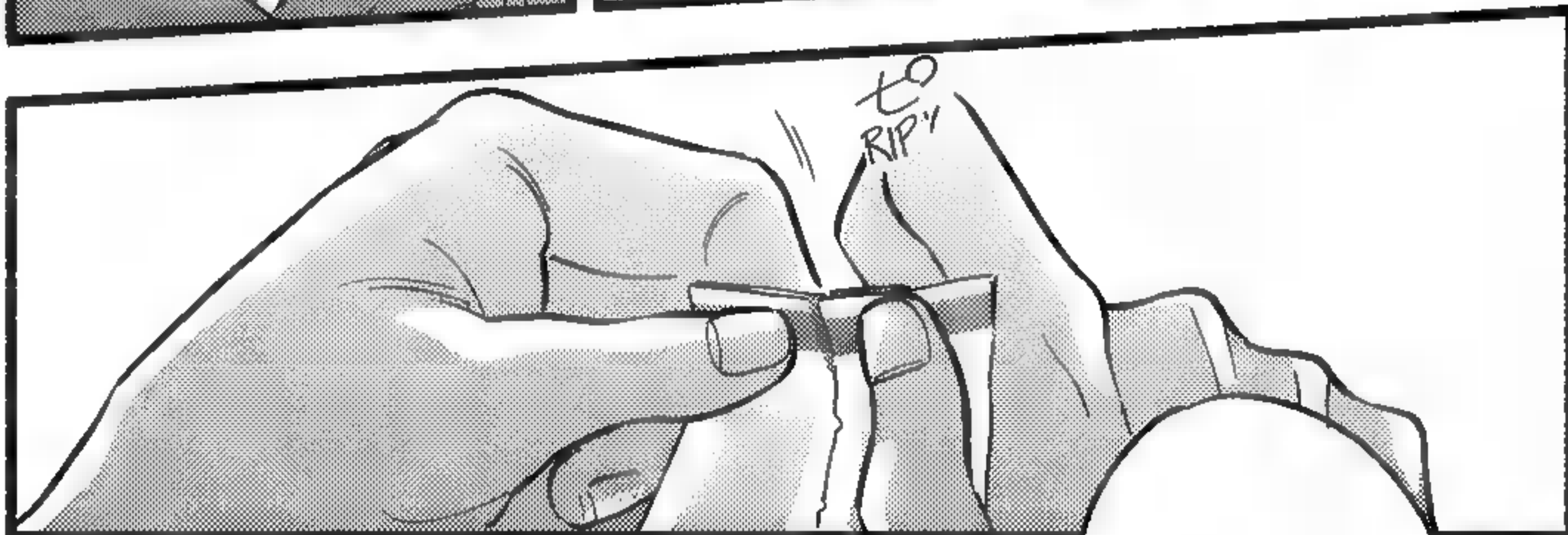


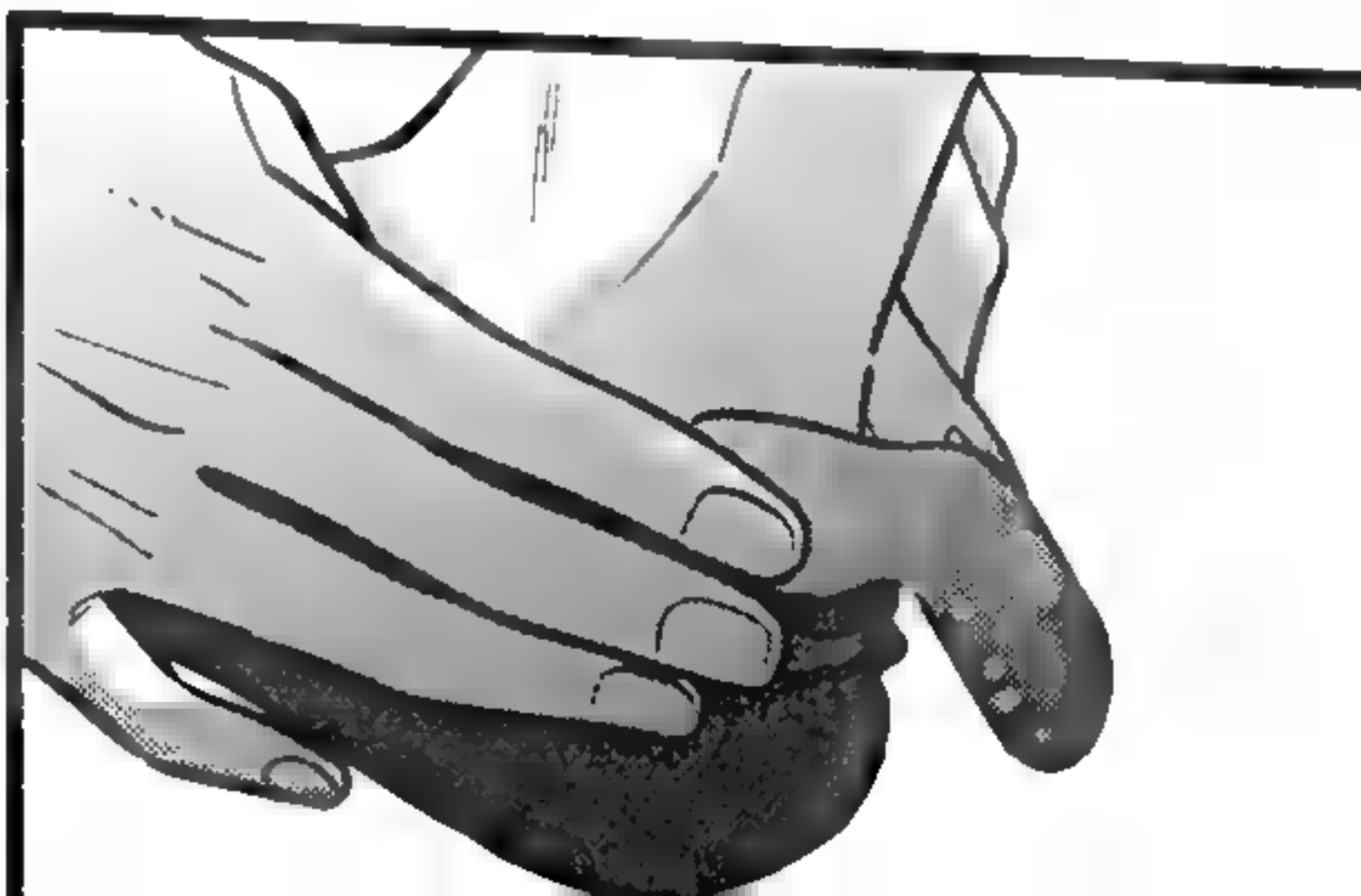
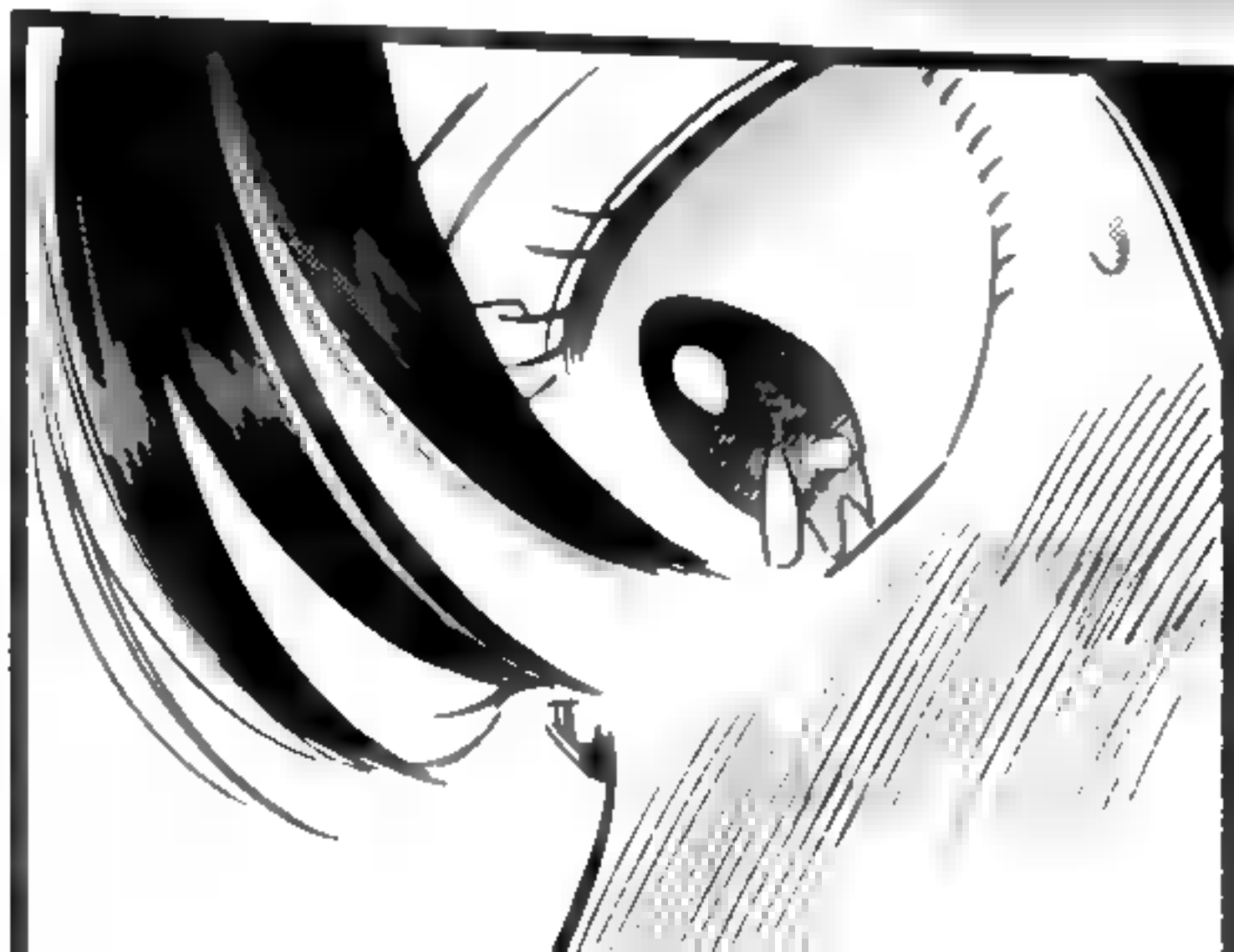
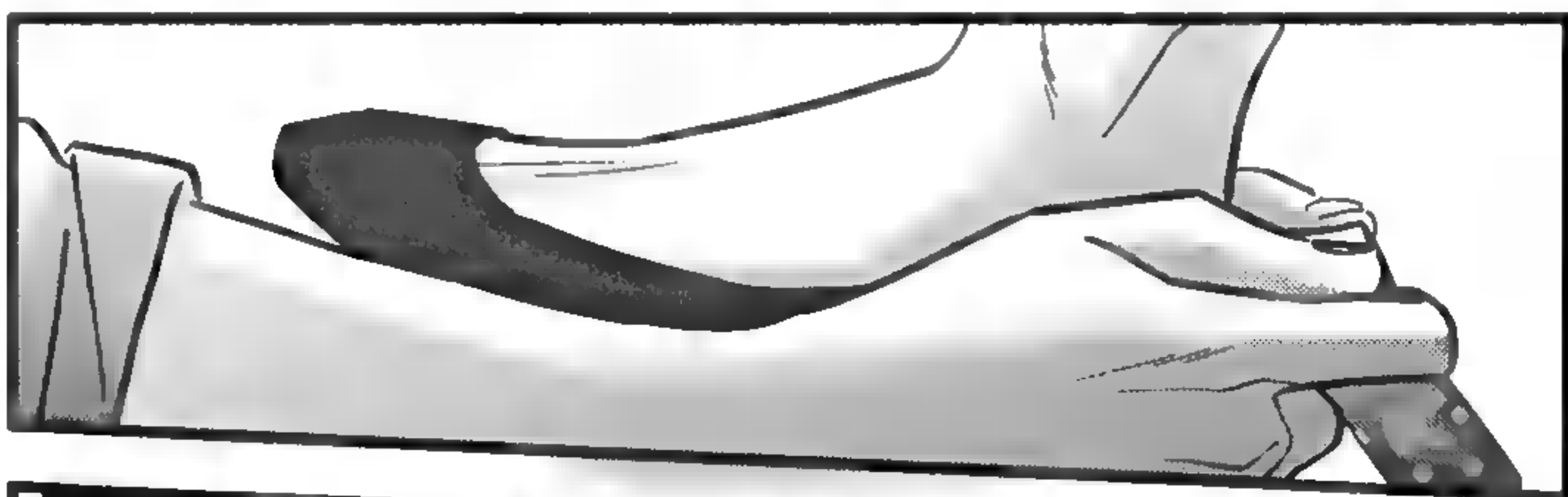


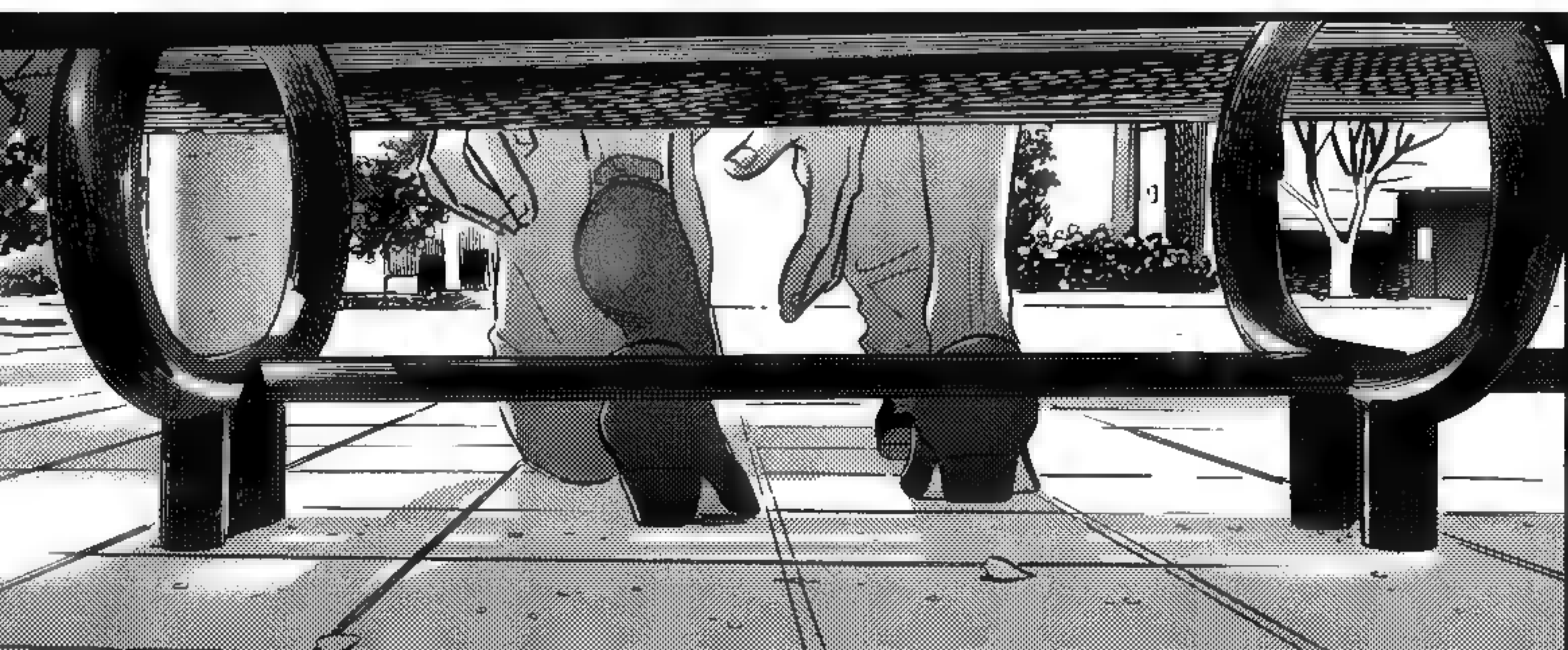
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SO MUCH.

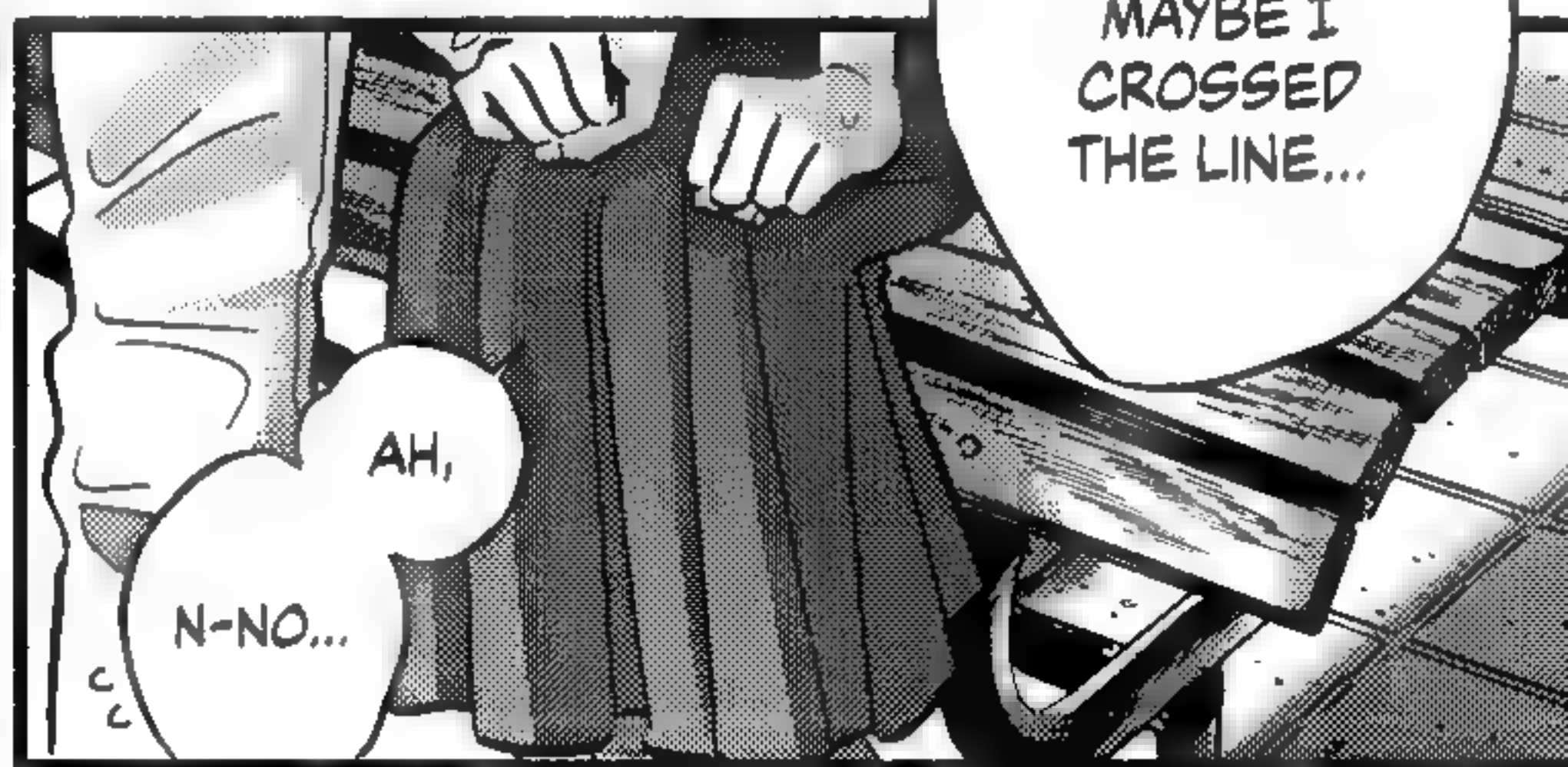


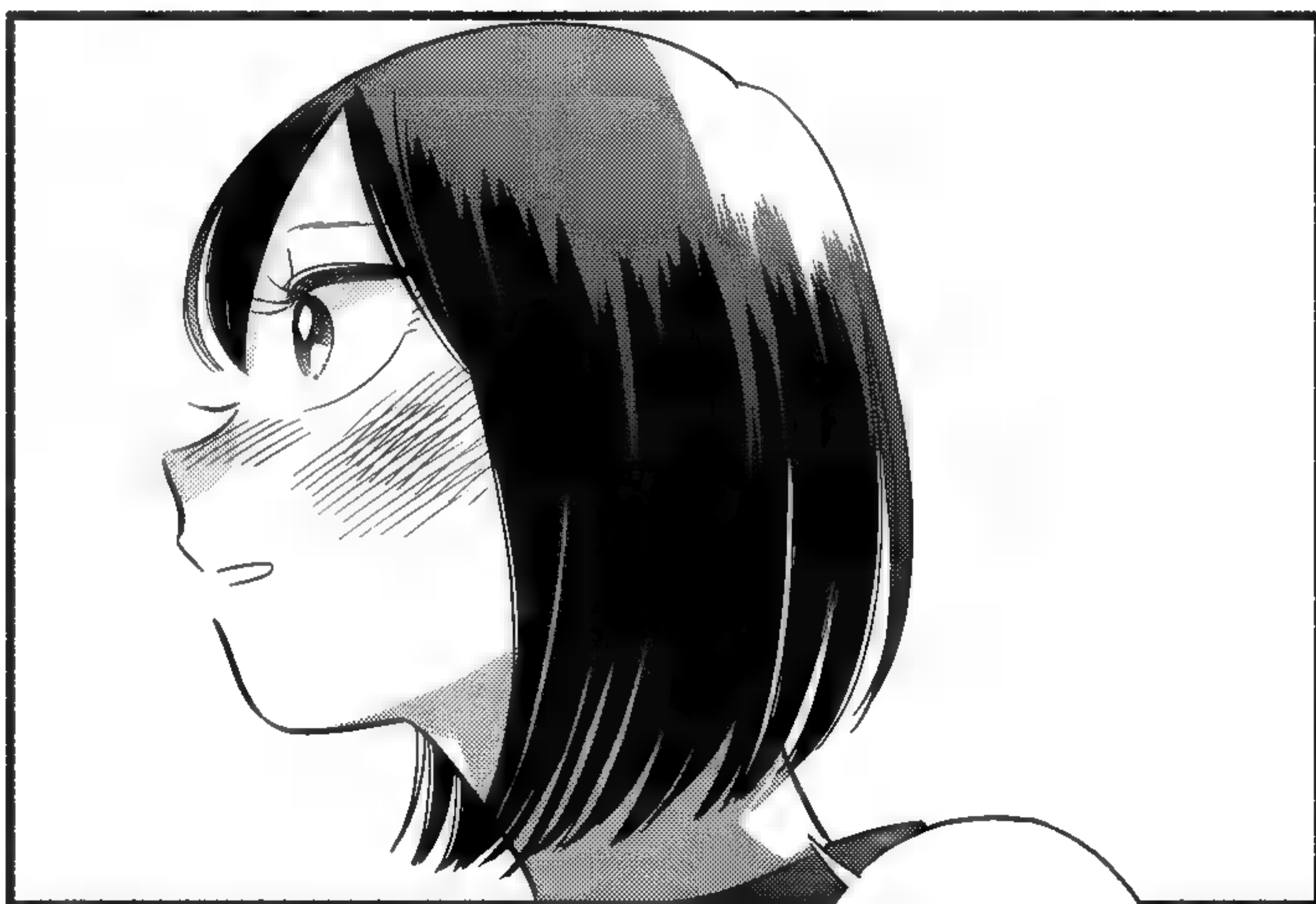


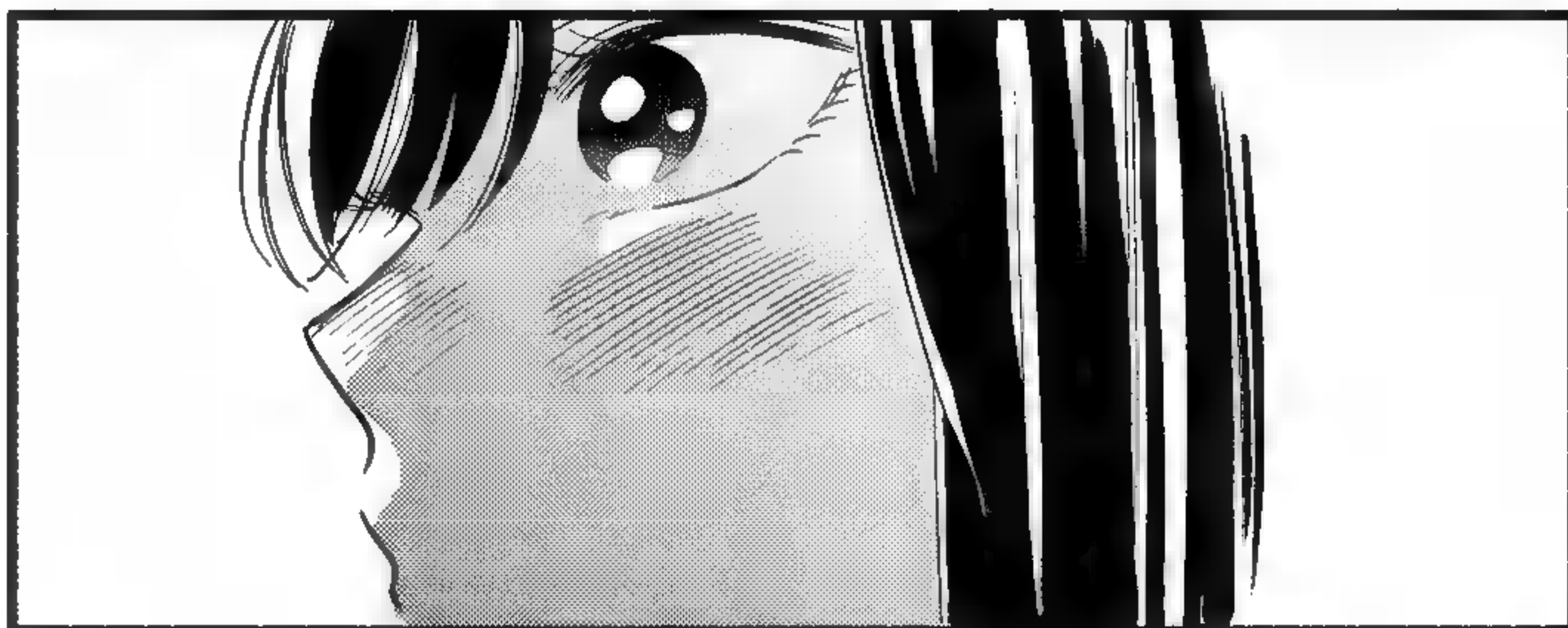




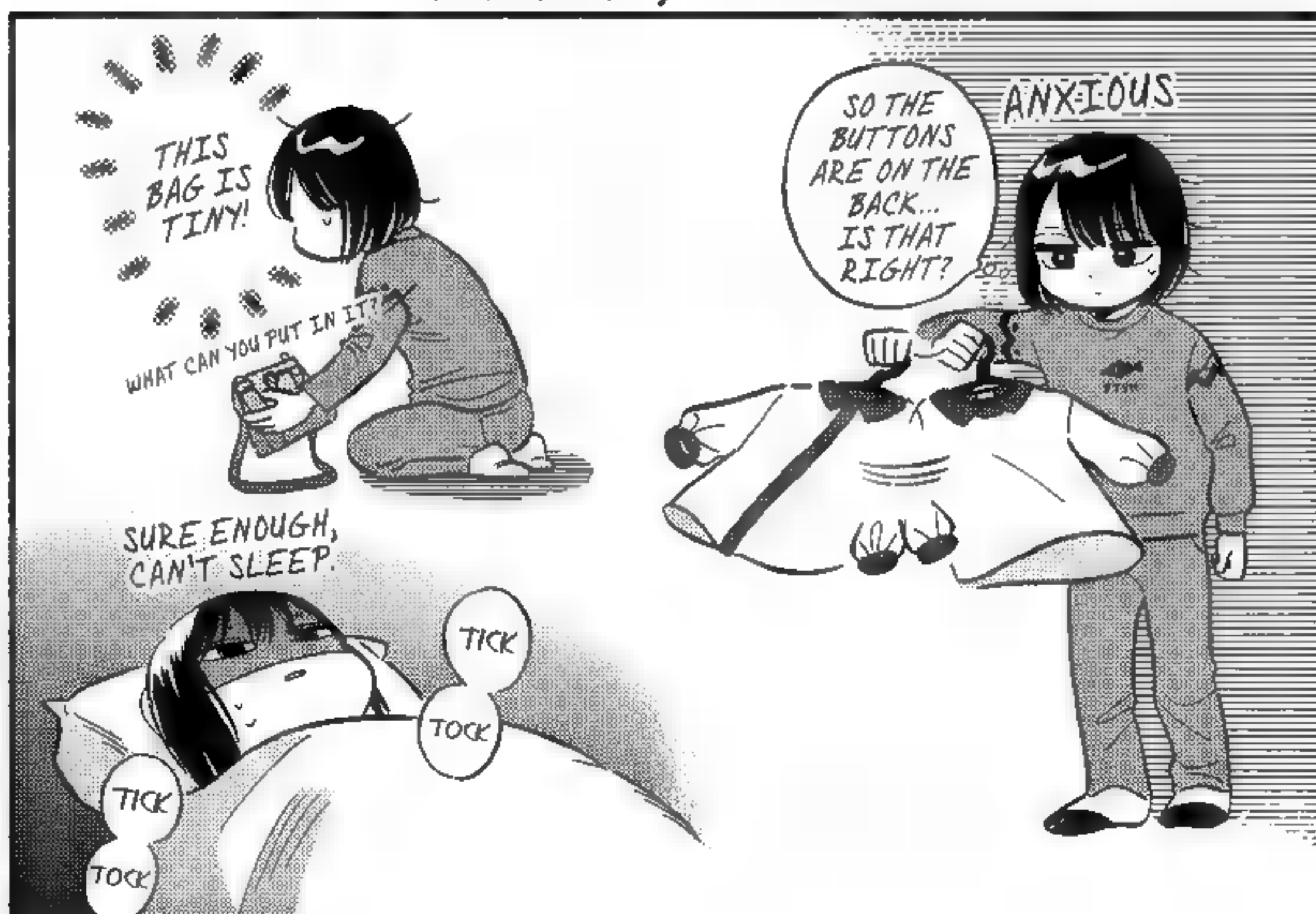








TANAKA-SAN, THE NIGHT BEFORE GOING OUT



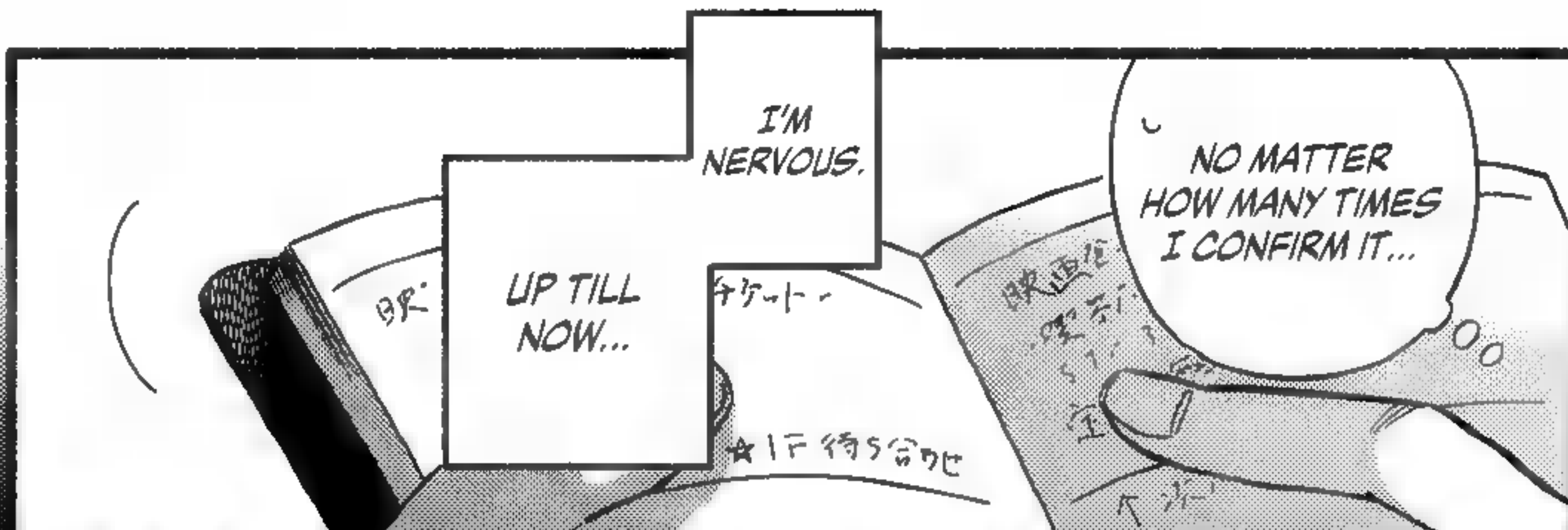


**A SIDE
CHARACTER'S
LOVE STORY**
Akane Tamura

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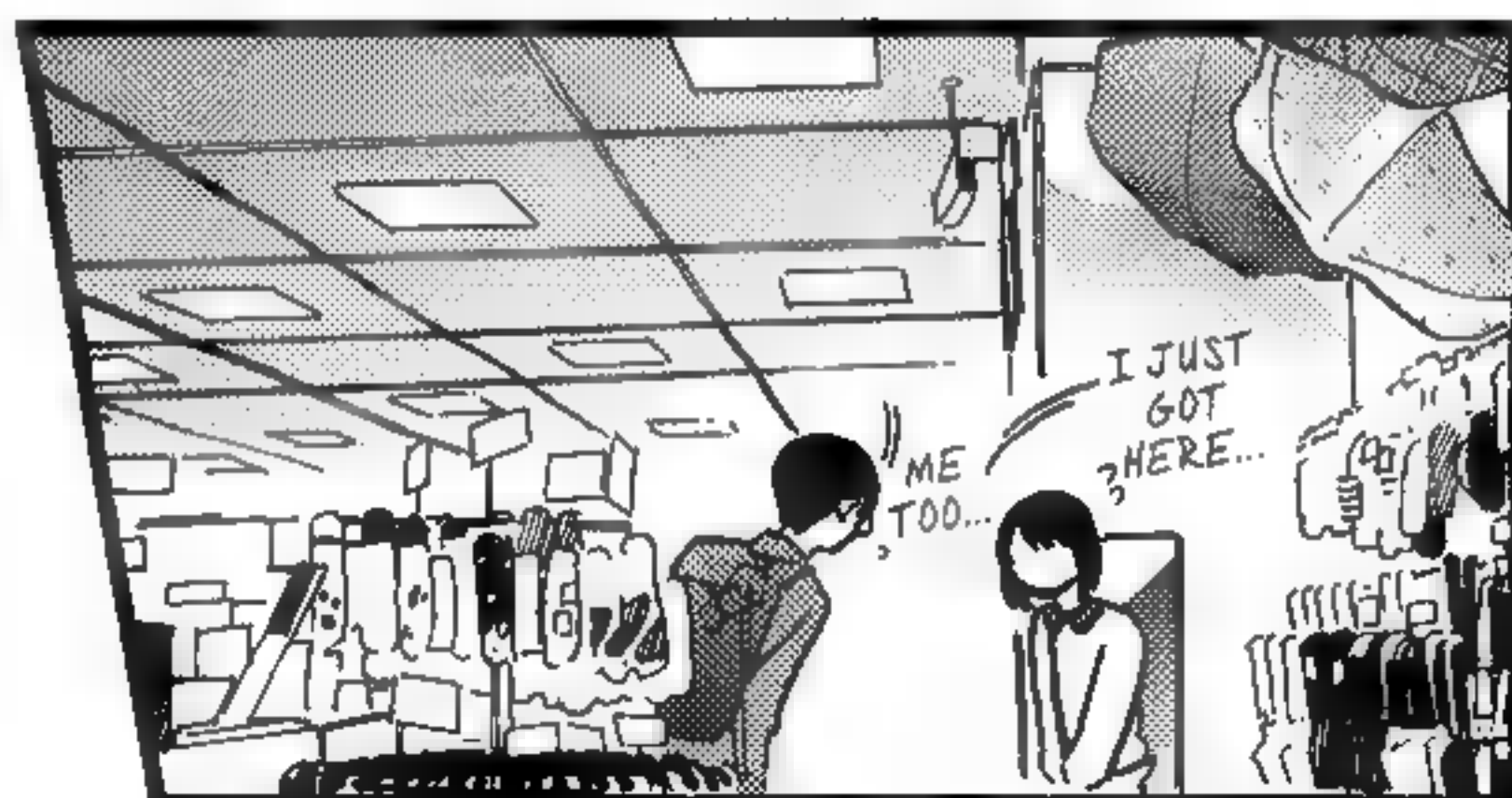












TODAY,
TANAKA-SAN
LOOKS...





NO ONE CAN
CALL ME A
LOST CHILD
EVER AGAIN.



WE'RE JUST
COWORKERS...



HOW SHOULD
I SIT? WHAT
AM I SUPPOSED
TO DO WITH MY
HANDS?!

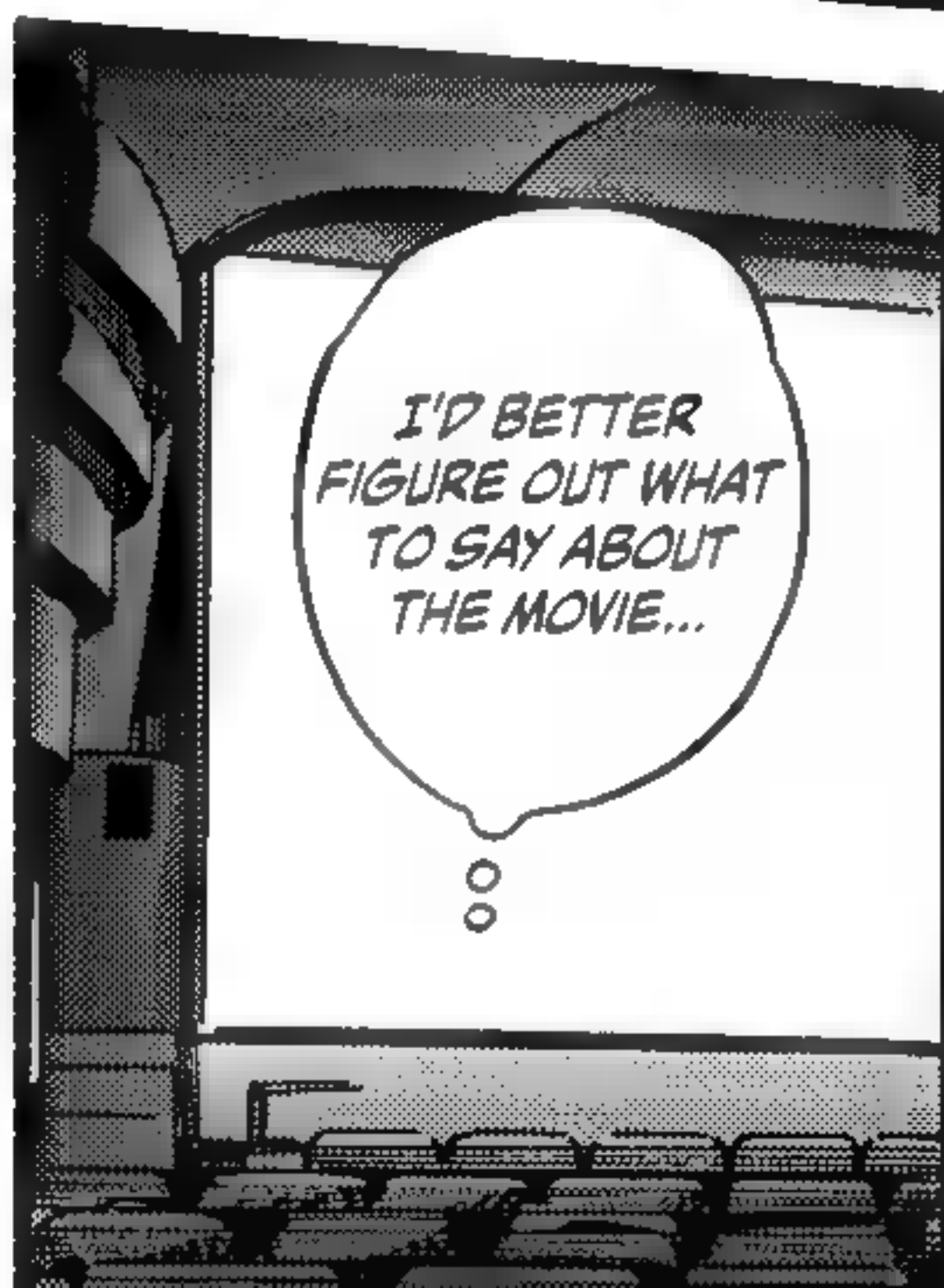
I MEAN...



I CAN'T
CONCENTRATE...

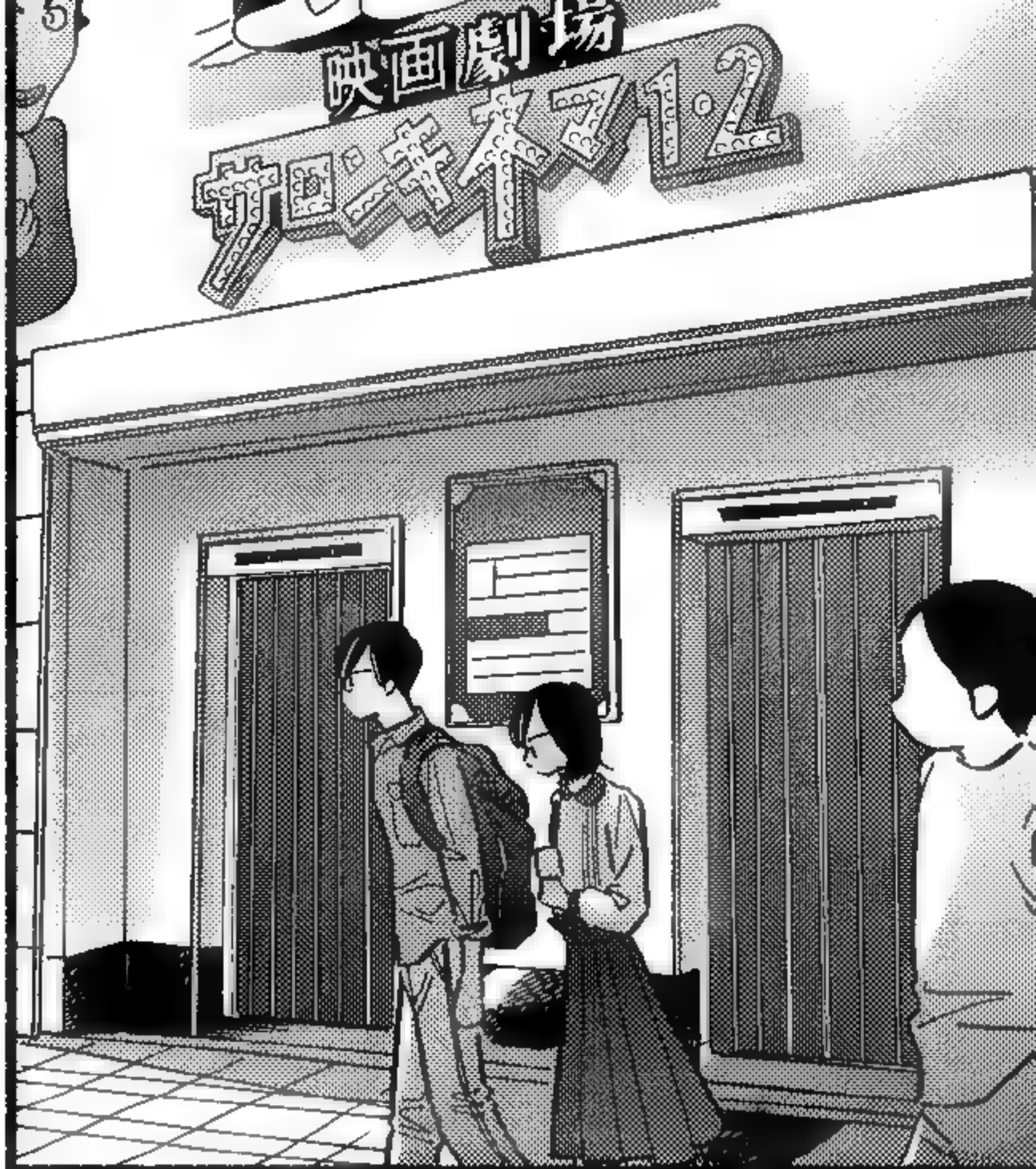


SHE'S
RIGHT NEXT
TO ME...

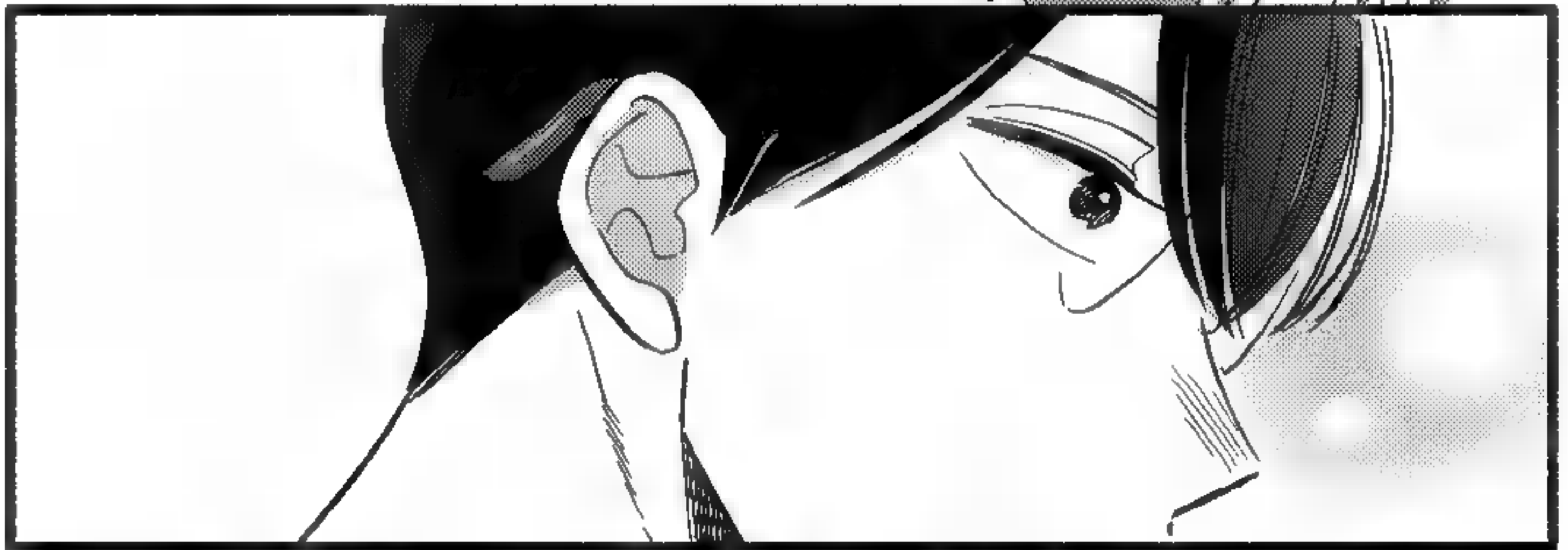


I'D BETTER
FIGURE OUT WHAT
TO SAY ABOUT
THE MOVIE...



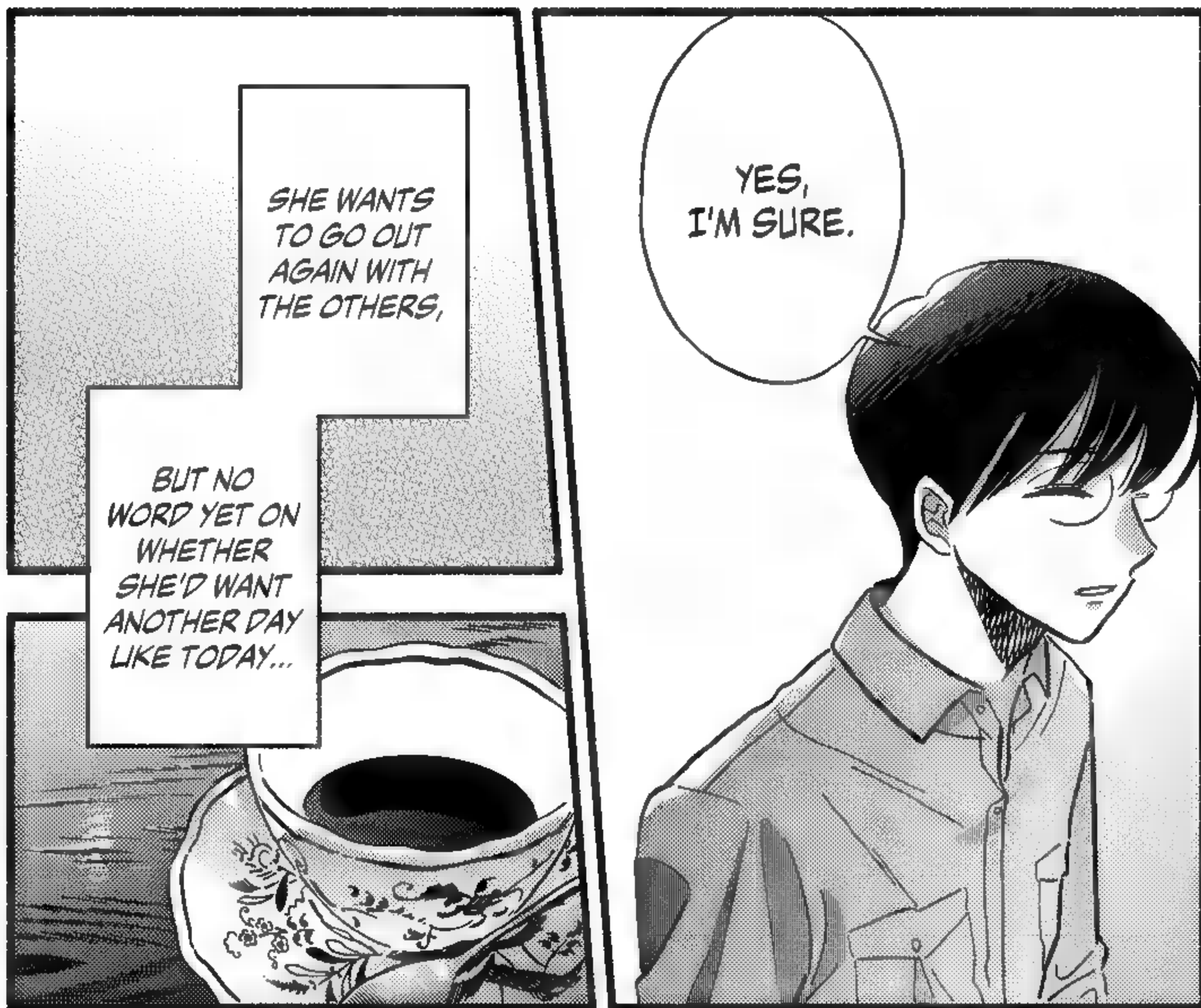


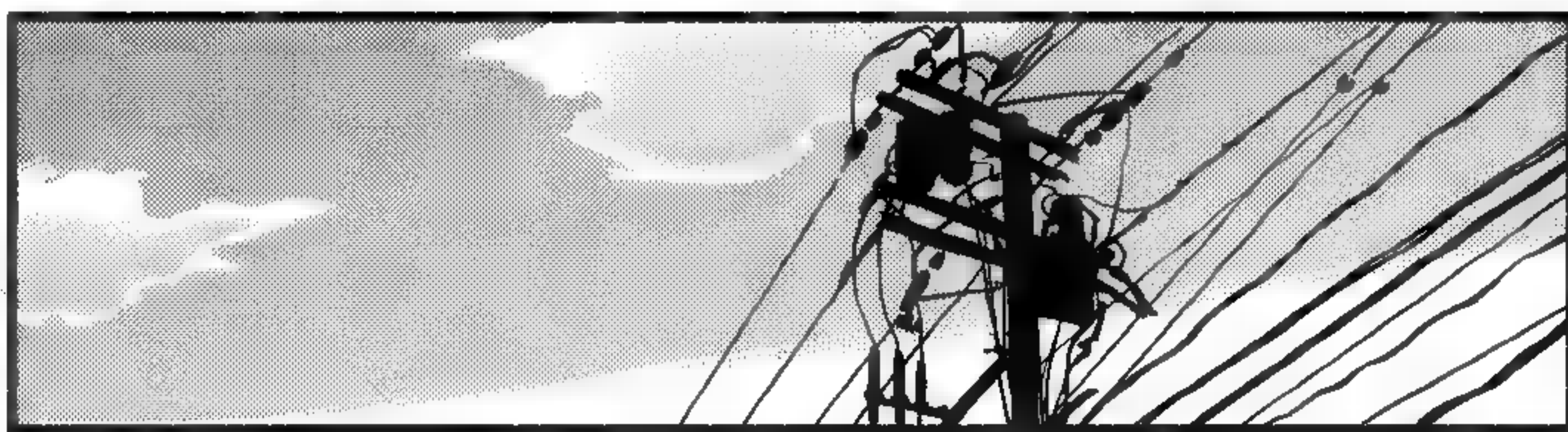


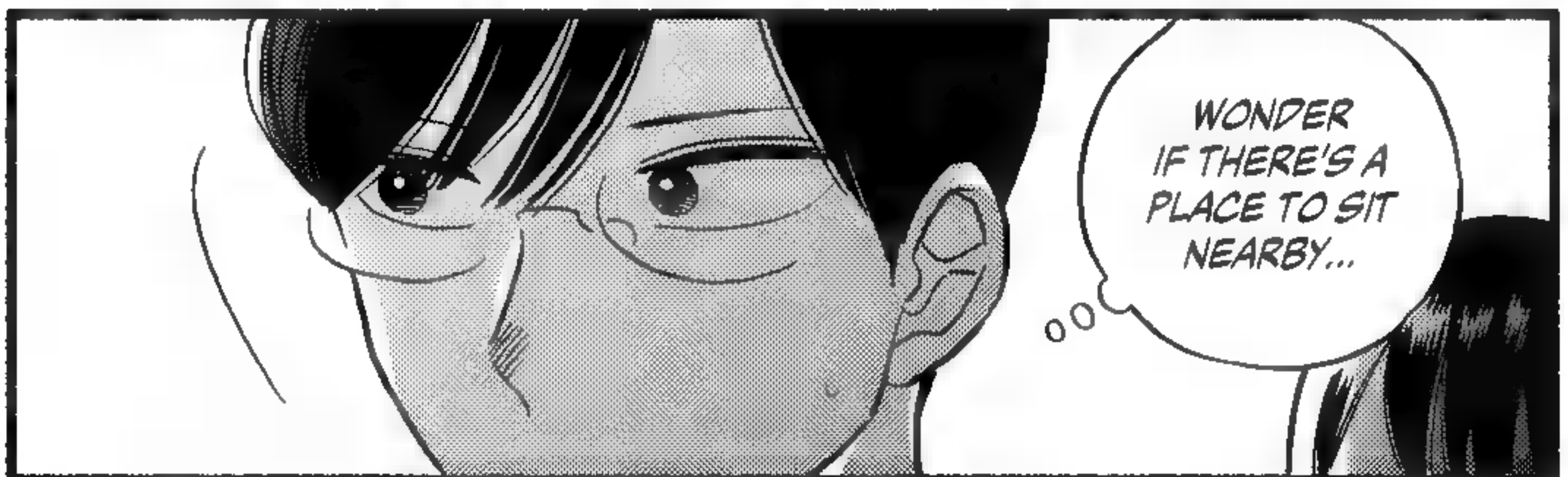


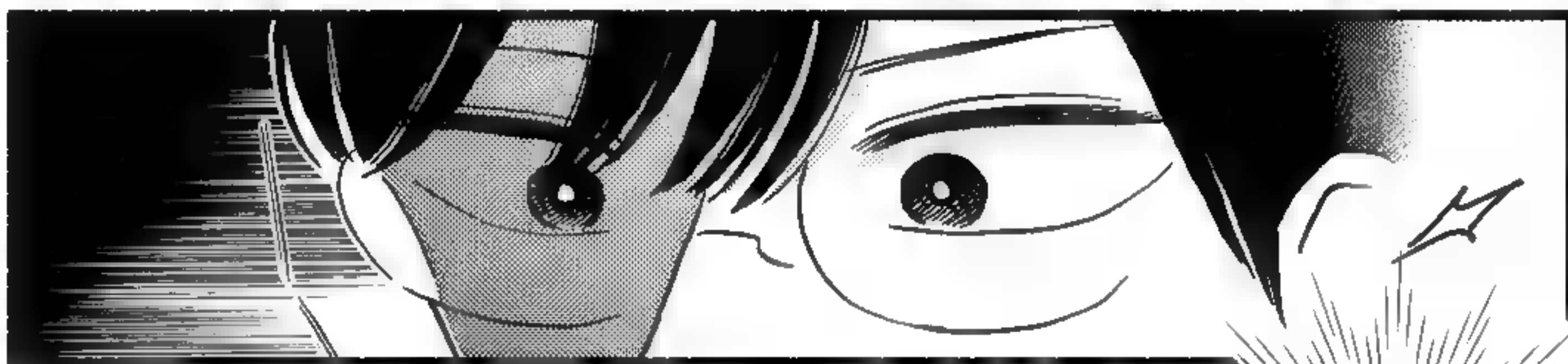




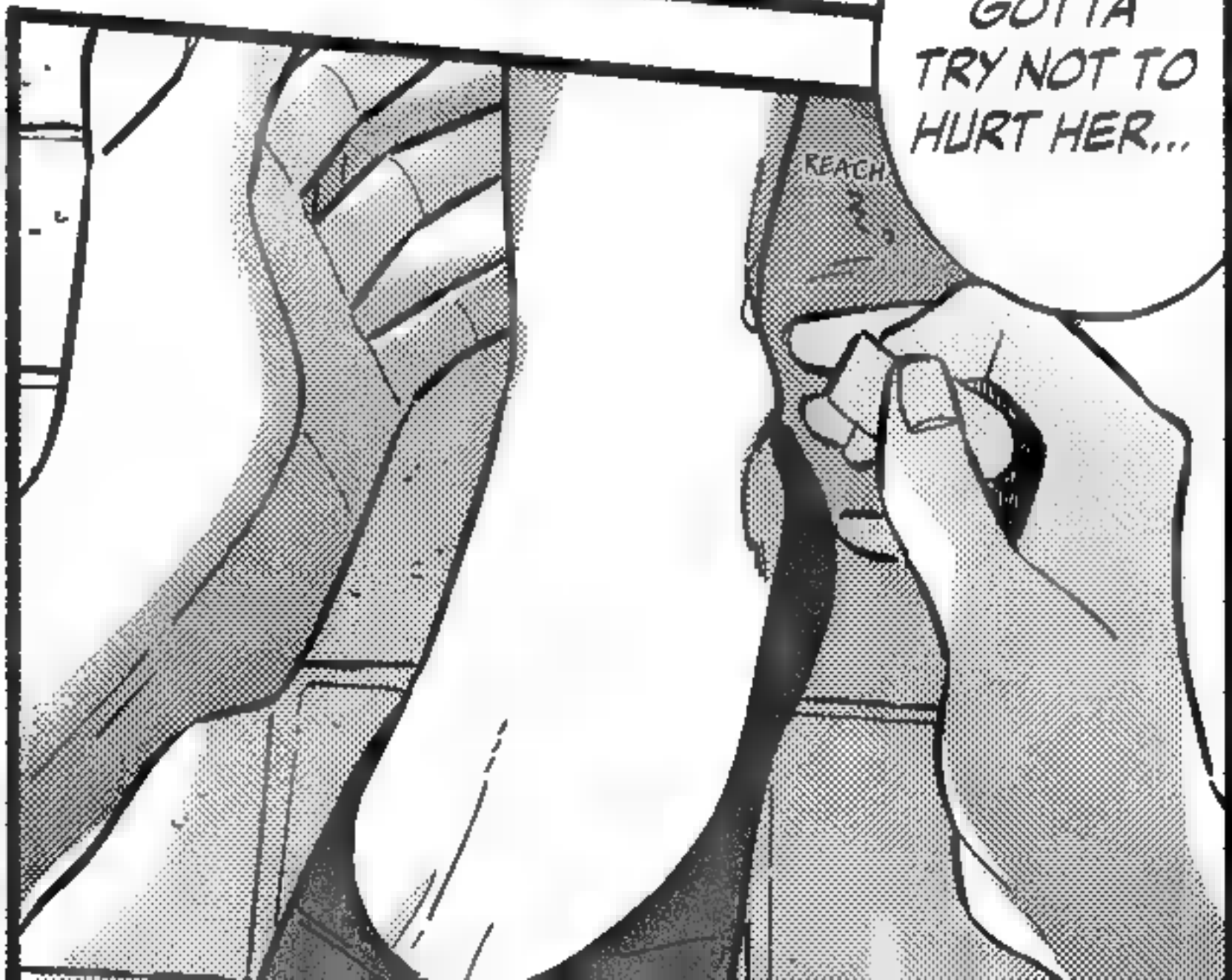




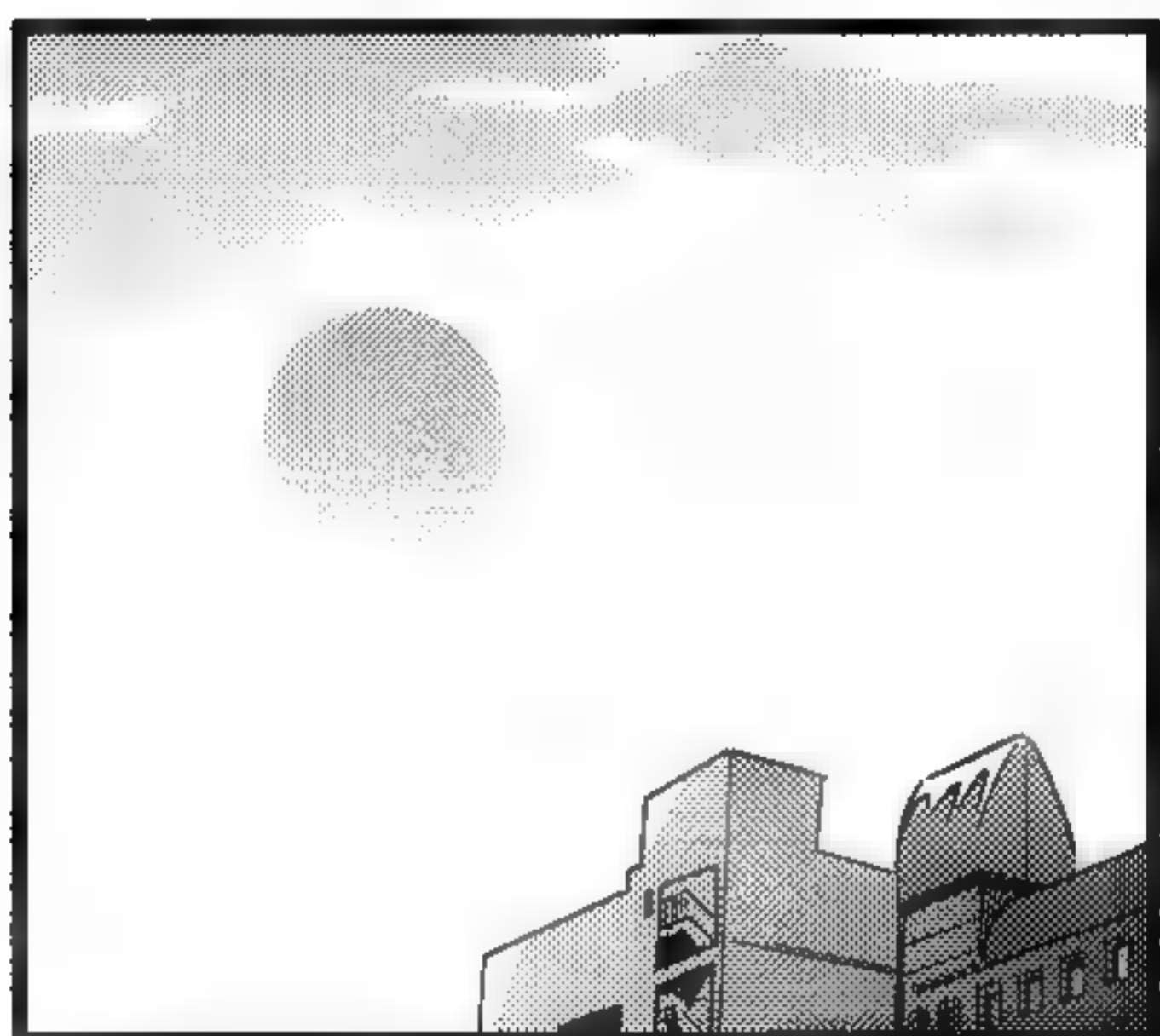


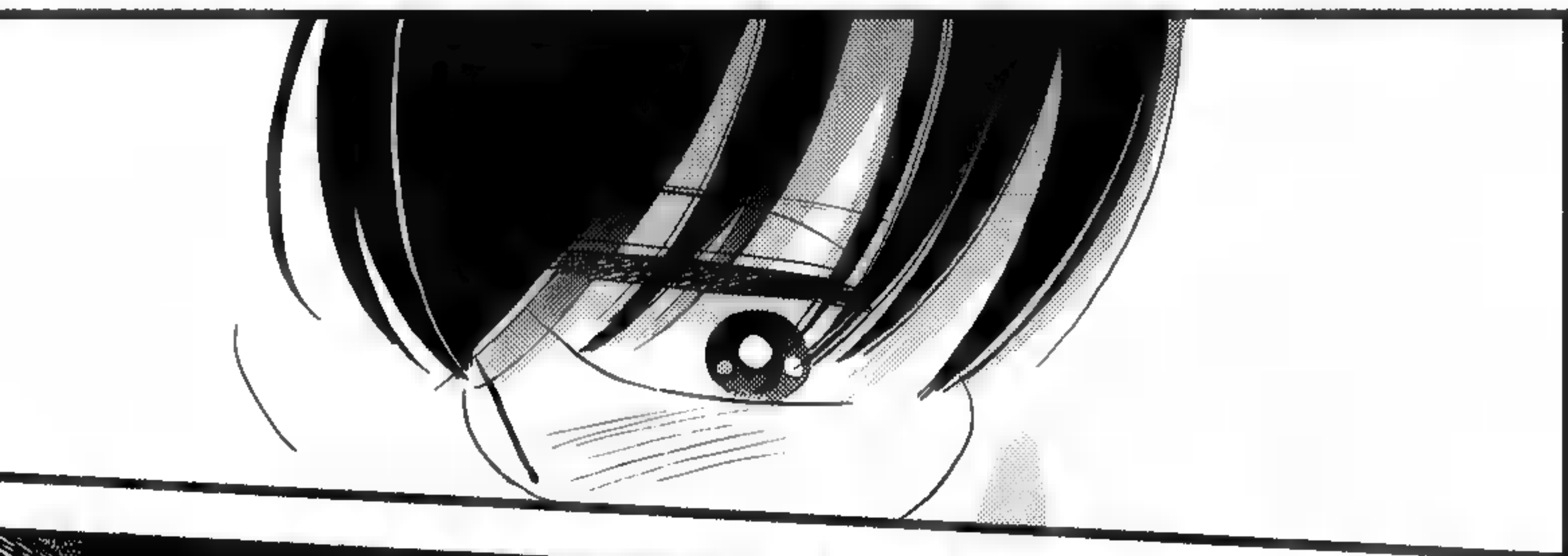










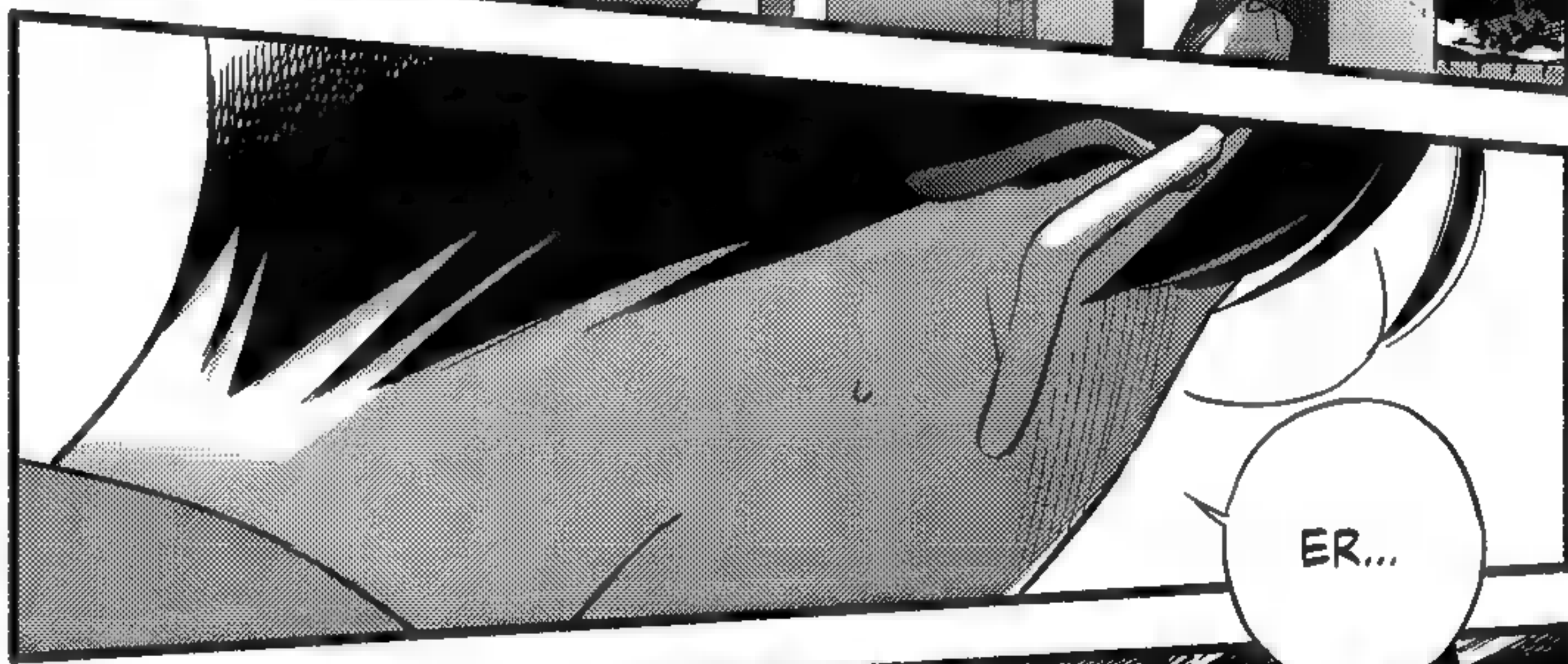
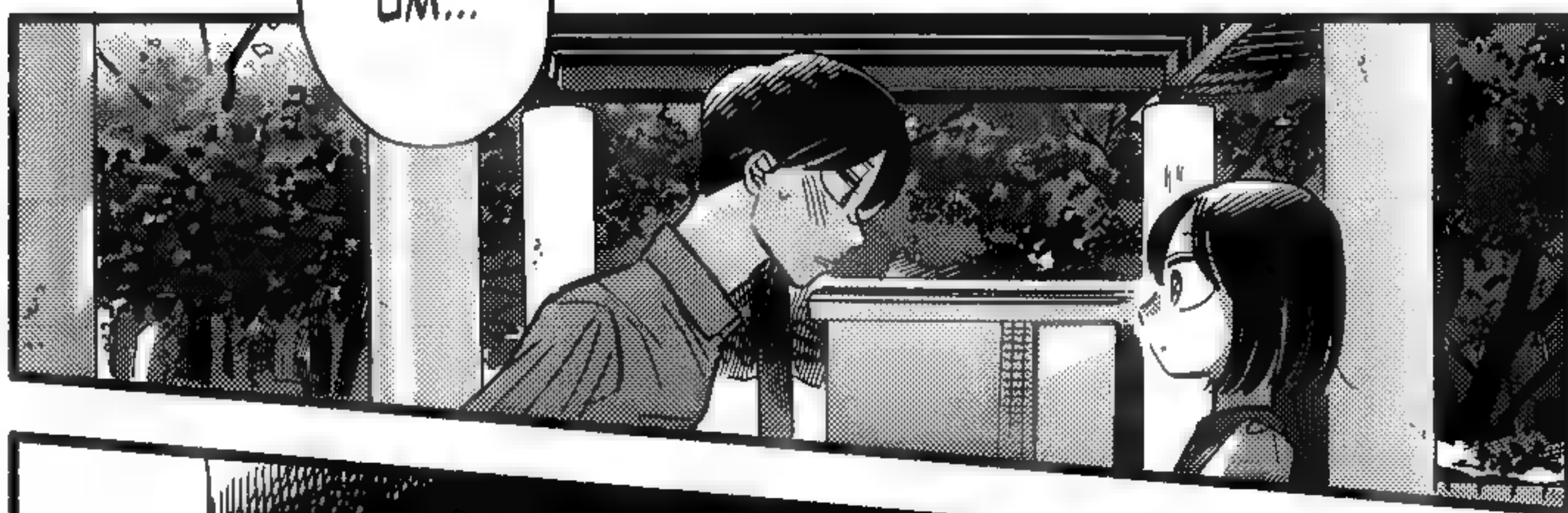




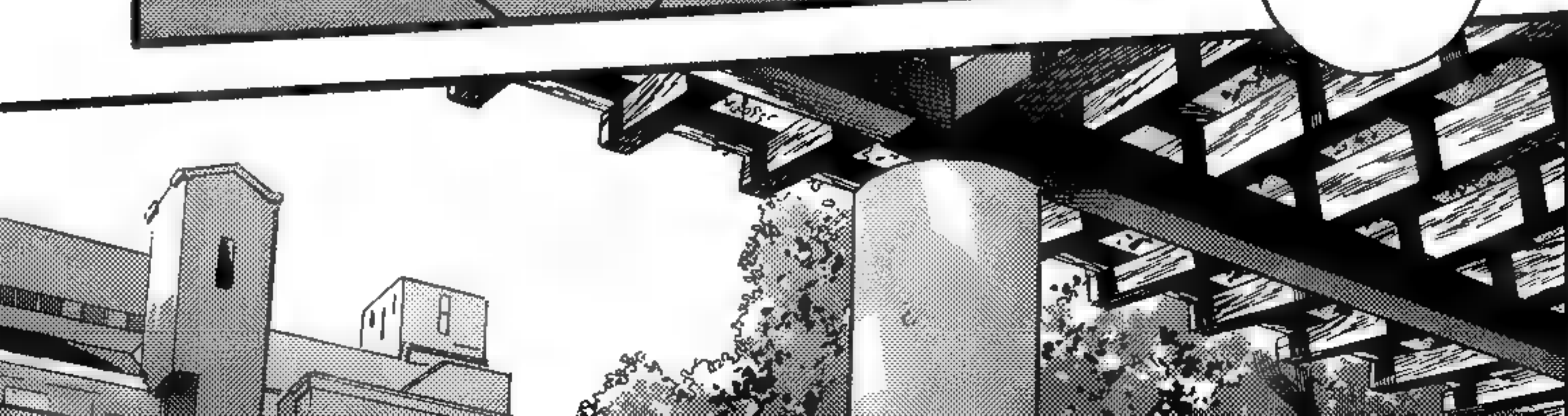
A DAY THAT
WON'T

COME
AGAIN.

UM...



ER...





...THIS DAY
IS OVER...

LET'S...

LET'S...

SORRY!
UM, GO
AHEAD.

N-NO!
PLEASE,

YOU
FIRST!





THIS DAY THAT
I THOUGHT
WOULD ONLY
COME ONCE...



*...IS THE
START OF A
CONNECTION.*



JUST THE
TWO OF US.

YES.

JUST BEFORE IRIE-KUN LEFT.



SPECIAL CHAPTER

THIS IS A STORY
FROM ABOUT A
YEAR AGO,

WHEN I FIRST
STARTED MY
PART-TIME JOB.

PLEASE
WORK
HARD FROM
TODAY ON.

THANK YOU,
I'LL DO
MY BEST.



BACK THEN,
I'D JUST
STARTED
COLLEGE AND
WAS LIVING
ALONE FOR THE
FIRST TIME.

I'M PRETTY SURE
I WAS NERVOUS
ABOUT EVERYTHING.

NEW LOCALE

**FIRST TIME
MANAGING
A BUDGET**

**NEW
SCHOOL
LIFE**

WHICH
BUS STOP
DO I USE?!

NICE TO
MEET YOU!

NICE TO
MEET YOU.

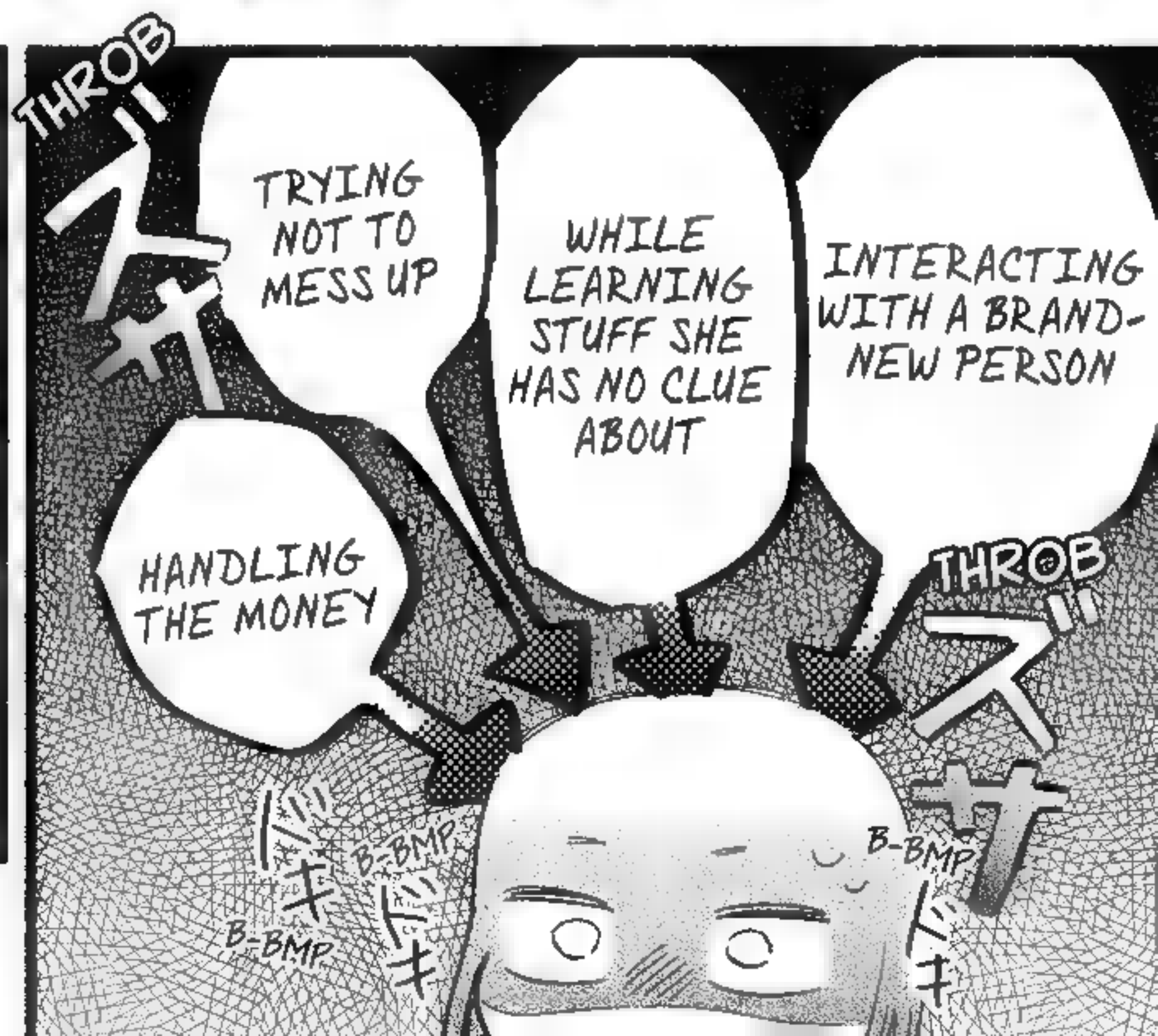


NO NEED TO
BE NERVOUS,
NOW.

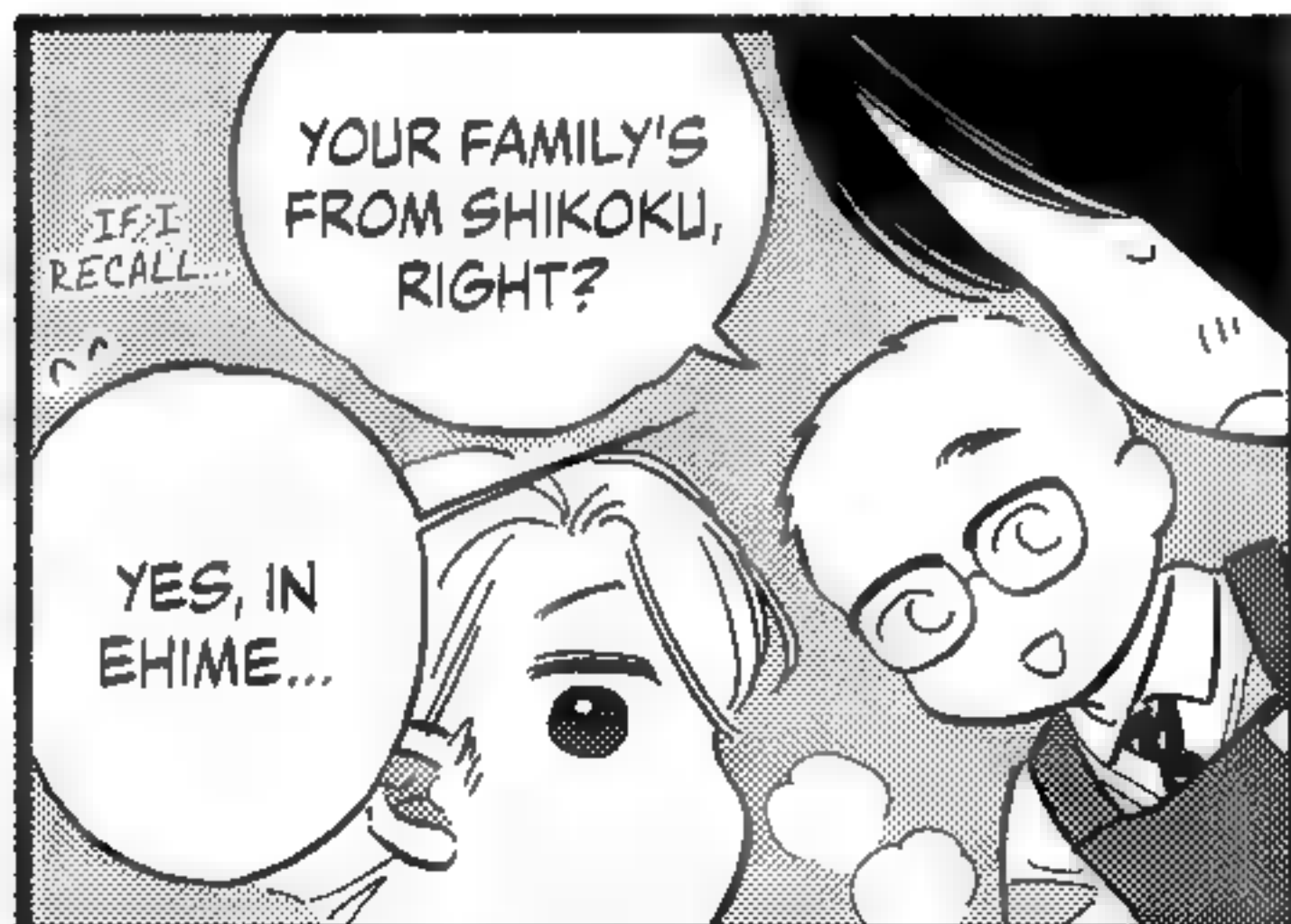
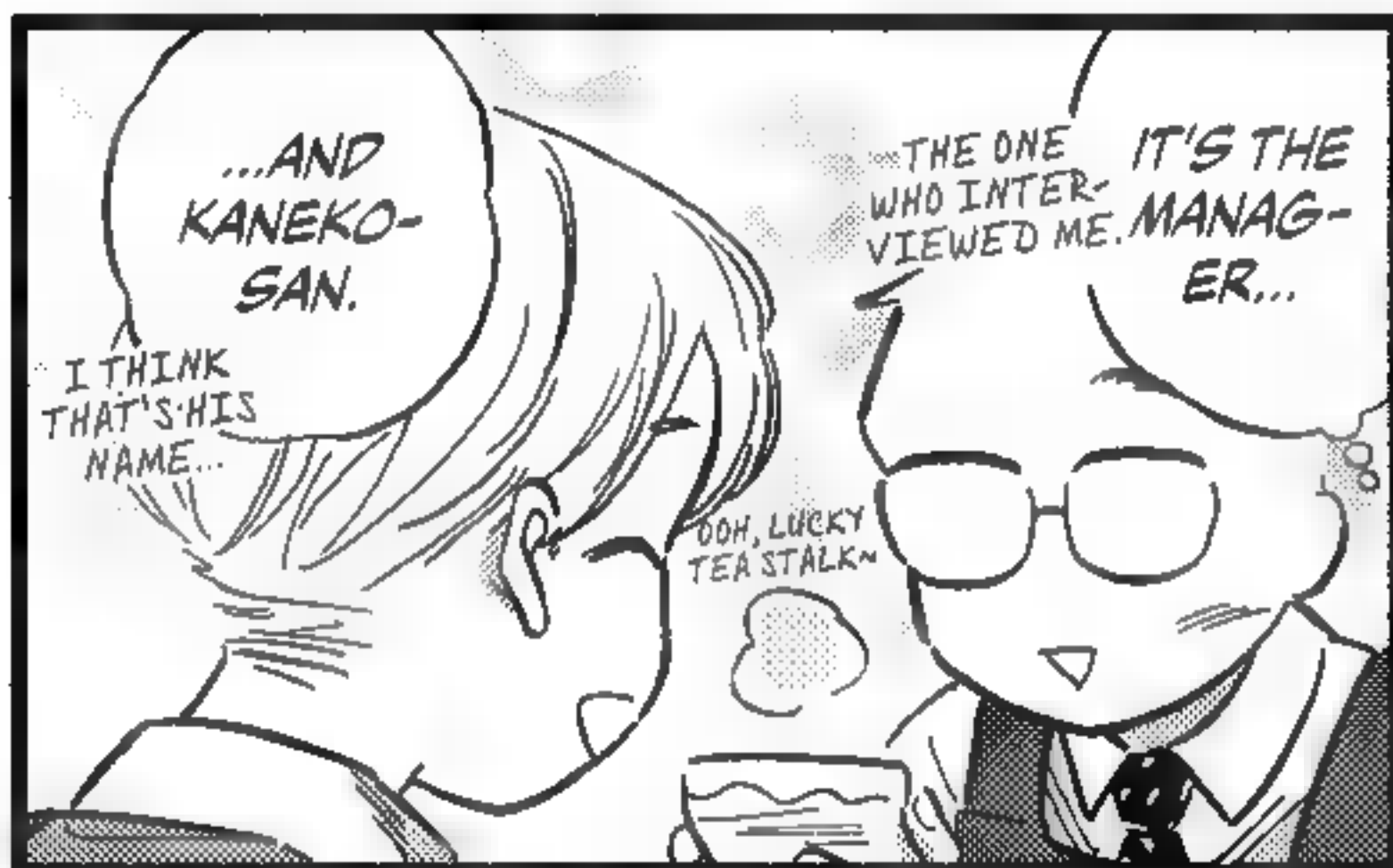


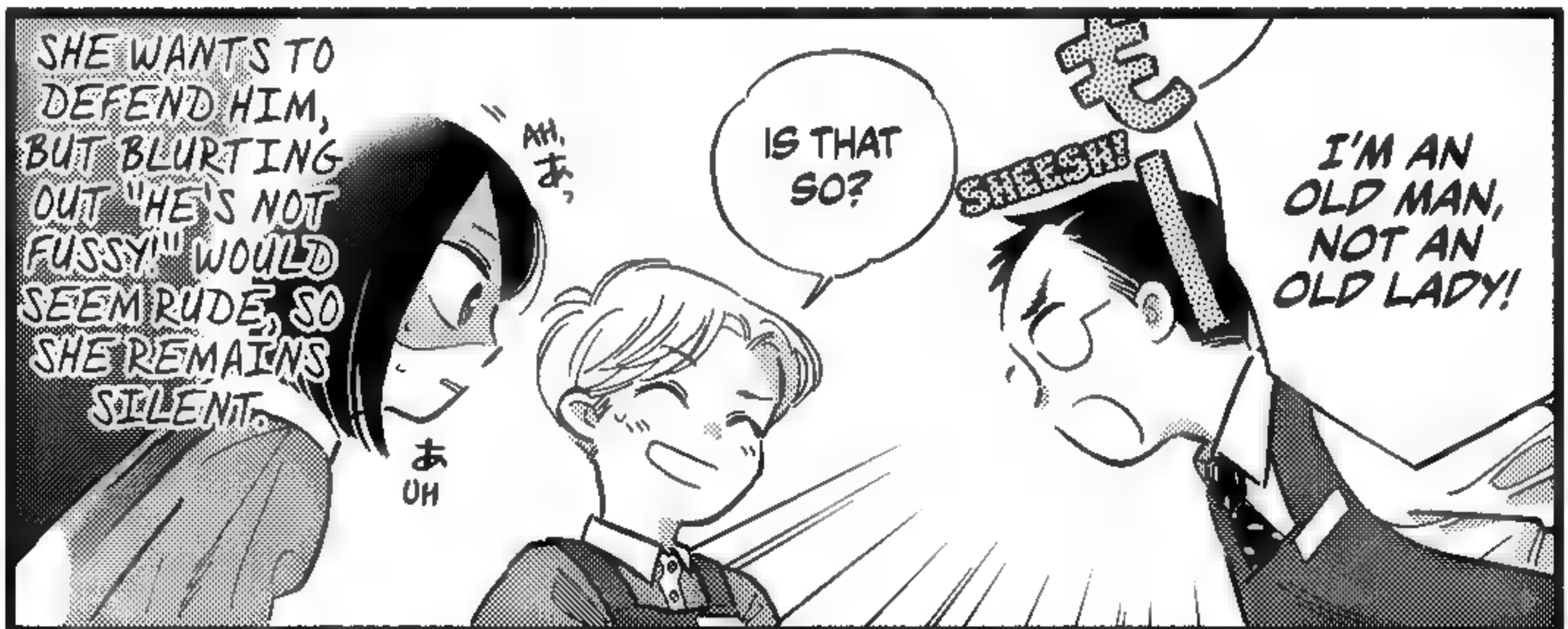
UH,
RIGHT.

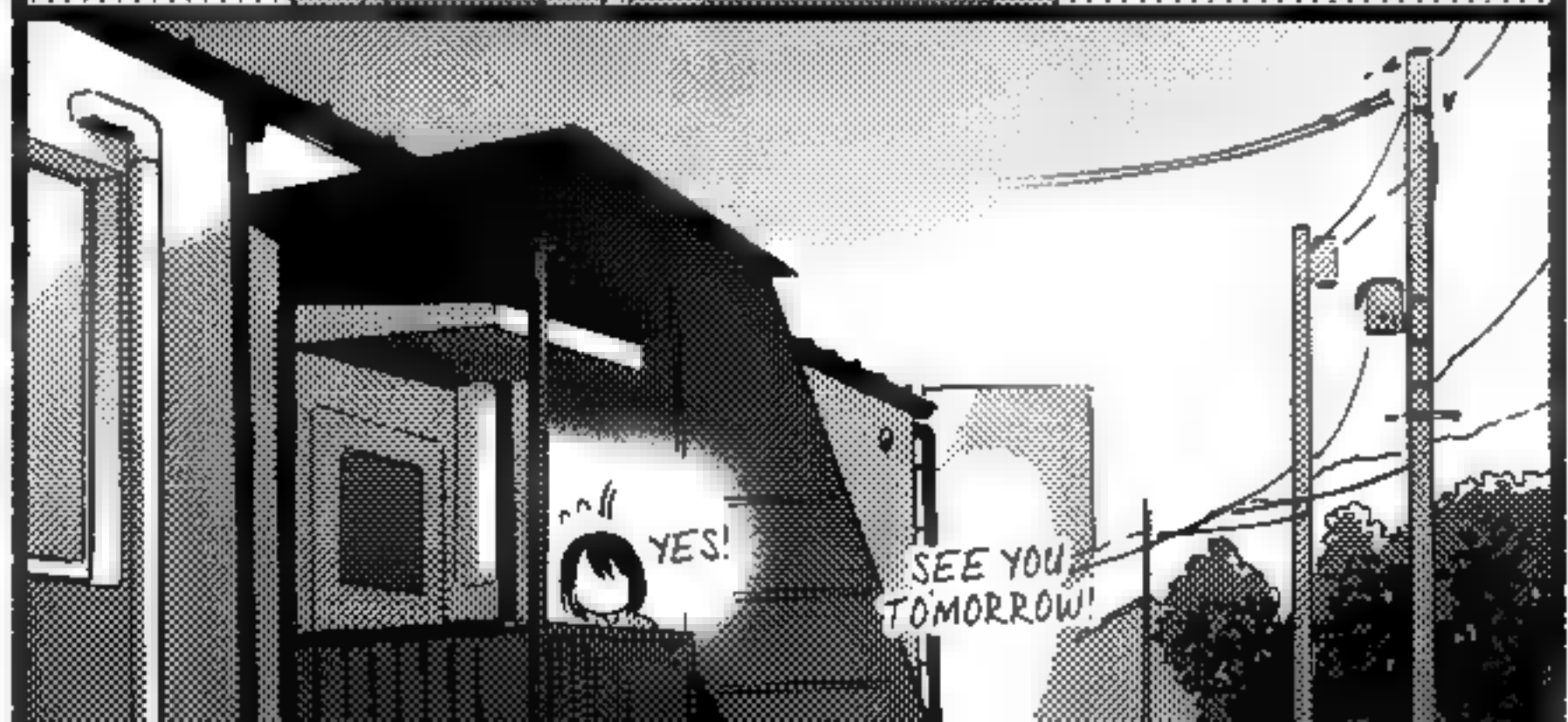
I'M SORRY,
THAT'S IM-
POSSIBLE...





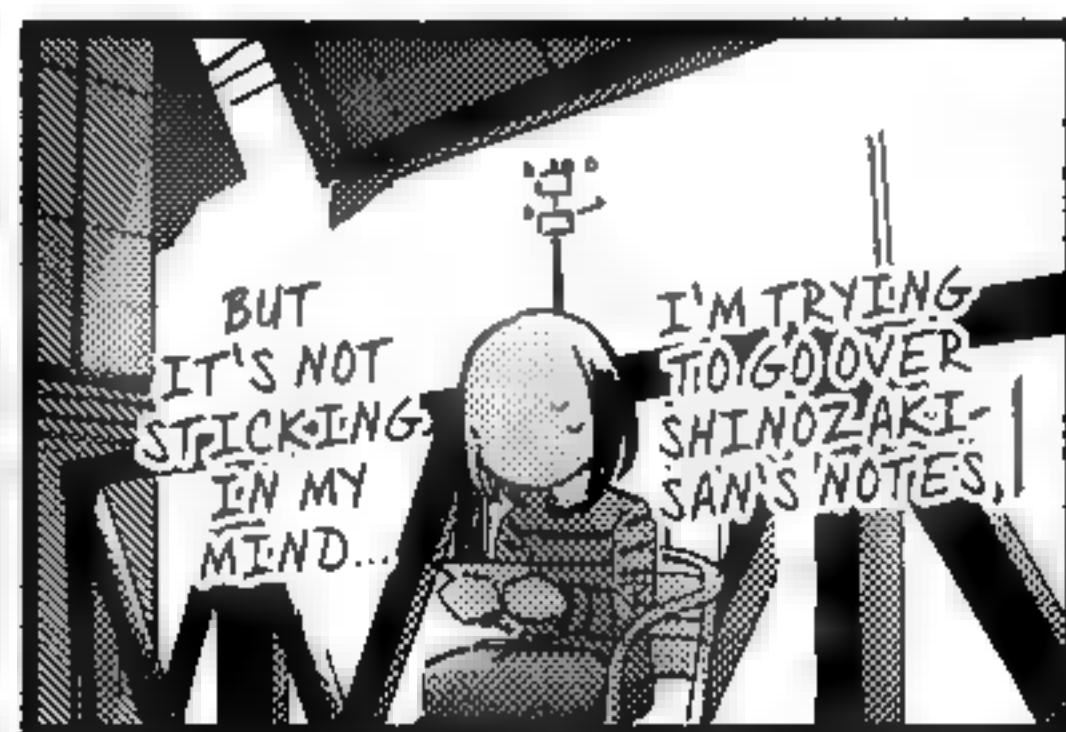














IT'S A COPY THAT
I RECEIVED FROM
SHINOZAKI-SAN,



BUT IT MIGHT HELP
YOU OUT IF YOU RUN
INTO SOMETHING
YOU DON'T KNOW.



IF YOU
WANT,

I'VE GOT
SOME NOTES
ABOUT WORK-
RELATED
STUFF.



OH--

NO--

I'M SORRY, I
SHOULDN'T HAVE
BUTTED IN.

OH, UM...

HUH?

DO YOU
ALREADY
HAVE...





SHINOZAKI-SAN, YOUR NOTES SAVED MY BACON AGAIN TODAY!

HM?



AND NOW...

WOOOW~



NO! NO! NO!

OF COURSE! IT'S THE PERFECT CHEAT-SHEET!

YOU'RE STILL USING THAT?



SWP

HERE'S THE NEWEST EDITION.

I MADE A PAMPHLET.

EVEN AFTER A YEAR HAS PASSED, THERE ARE STILL THINGS I DON'T KNOW.

I HAD NO IDEA...!

GOT BORED. WOW...

WITH PICTURES? IN COLOR? BUT WHY?

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